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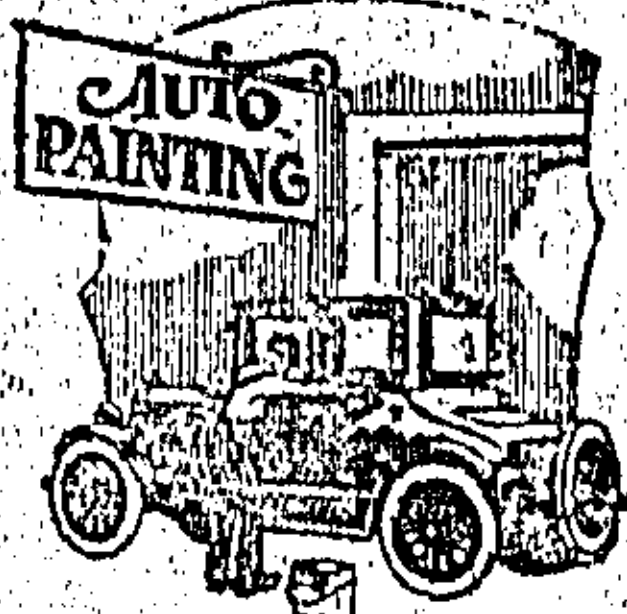
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TENSION AT KIUKIANG.

AN EXPECTED KUOMINTANG CLASH.

YESTERDAY'S HISTORIC HANKOW MEETING.

BIG BATTLE REPORTED

Yesterday was the date fixed for the formal handing over of the British Concession at Hankow to a new Sino-British Council. A brief message reports that the meeting in connection therewith took place as arranged.

There is tension at Kiukiang owing to an expected clash between the moderates and extremists in the Kuomintang party, and there is also some uneasiness at Ichang.

In connection with the civil war, big troop movements continue to be reported and a severe battle is reported to be in progress from Wuhu.

There were further questions in the House of Commons yesterday as to whether Shanghai should be called upon to contribute towards the cost of the defence force, Sir Harry Brittain characterising the questions as "most unfair."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in a speech, has refuted the idea that Labour favoured the handing over of British subjects to the mercy of soldiers or enraged mobs, but criticised the Government for delay in tackling the Chinese problem.

London, Mar. 15.

The question of Shanghai contributing toward the cost of the Defence Force was again raised in the House of Commons by Mr. P. A. Harris, who also asked whether British citizens domiciled there paid British income tax. Mr. Ronald McNeill, in reply, referred to the answer given on the previous day, and said that a British domiciled in Shanghai was liable for British income tax on any income derived from Britain.

Com. Wedgwood asserted that during the war, Britons in Shanghai had escaped the super tax and all forms of taxation such as excess-profits tax.

Mr. McNeill said he did not know that they were subject to any special exemption during the war and they were subject to the usual rules just the same as any other residents outside the United Kingdom.

Sir Harry Brittain declared that the people of Shanghai were doing everything they could to defend their own city, and these questions were most unfair.—*Reuter.*

NAVAL REPORTS.

Uneasiness at Ichang.

Ichang, Mar. 15.
The delay in answering the Labour Union terms is causing some uneasiness.—*Naval Wireless.*

The Hankow Transfer.

Hankow, Mar. 15.
A meeting for the purpose of handing over the British Concession to the Sino-British Council was held to-day.

No developments are reported. More troops have left down river.—*Naval Wireless.*

Kiukiang Tension.

Kiukiang, Mar. 15.
A clash between the Moderates and Extremists of the Kuomintang Party is expected at any time, rendering the safety of foreigners on shore doubtful.—*Naval Wireless.*

Troops on the Move.

Nanking, Mar. 15.
Large numbers of Chihli and Shantung troops have reached Pukow and have been transferred across the river to Nanking.—*Naval Wireless.*

Severe Battle Proceeding.

Wuhu, Mar. 15.
Everything appears to be quiet to-day, and in fact, there has been no anti-foreign demonstration since Saturday.

There appears to be little doubt that a severe battle is in progress in the district of Taipei between unknown forces, and up to the present, the result is unknown.—*Naval Wireless.*

A HOME BY-ELECTION.

Why Dr. Haden Guest Resigned.

London, Mar. 15.

Dr. L. Haden Guest, who resigned his seat as Labour Member for North Southwark as a protest against the party's attitude on the China crisis, and who is now contesting Southwark as an Independent, Constitutional against Mr. E. L. Strauss (Liberal) and Mr. Isaacs (Labour) has issued an election address explaining that he left the Labour Party because their policy as regards China "would leave our fellow-citizens in Shanghai exposed to all the danger of riot, looting and murder amidst a civil war in which our country is not concerned."—*Reuter.*

LABOUR'S POSITION.

An "Absolutely Asinine" Statement.

London, Mar. 15.

Addressing an election meeting at North Southwark, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald described as "absolutely asinine" the statement that British subjects in China and elsewhere should be handed over to the mercy of soldiers or enraged mobs. Criticising the Government's delay in tackling the Chinese problem he said it had been quite apparent for eighteen months that the Canton Government was not a mere passing military one. For good or evil, the Canton Government was going to be a Government, and foreign nations would have to negotiate with it if they were going to make any settlement with China. Mr. MacDonald restated Labour's views in support of diplomatic negotiations but opposition to sending troops with a lot of illustrated publicity. He pointed out that it had already been necessary for a protecting force to be on the spot at Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH POLICY.

M. Briand Makes Declaration.

Paris, Mar. 15.

That France would not be dragged into the Chinese situation unless the lives and property of her nationals were threatened, was the burden of a speech in the Chamber by M. Briand.

Replying to questions, he declared that the Government still thought it was unable to take any side in the Chinese civil war. He pointed out that only one French warship was in Chinese waters, while the police in the French Concession at Shanghai had been reinforced by a few Companies of Annamites. He added that apart from northerners and southerners they had to reckon with the official Government at Peking. He declared that the League of Nations (Continued on page 12.)

WUHU LOOTING.

REGULAR ORGY OF DESTRUCTION.

CUSTOMS OFFICERS MOBBED.

The following account in the N. C. Daily News of the occupation of Wuhu by the Southern troops fills in certain gaps in other descriptions published, and at the same time gives a vivid idea of the utter irresponsibility and recklessness of method used by Nationalistic propagandists. The incident of the attack on four foreign Customs officials, all of different nationalities and only one British, is especially interesting and makes a thrilling reading.

The first news of the impending change in the city's status came on Sunday, the 6th instant, when the local newspapers came out with jubilant headlines to the effect that the city had gone over to the South. Shops were urged to fly the Nationalist flag, and later in the day a request was made to the Commissioner of Customs to place the Customs Club at the disposal of local officials in order that they might use it to welcome Gen. Chen Tiao-yuen. This was done, the reception appears to have gone off quietly, and the club was handed back to its rightful owners for the time being.

Students' Speeches.

The next move followed along the new stereotyped lines. Groups of students went all round the city, giving excited speeches, and handing round pamphlets containing the usual laudatory poems for the Nationalists, insults for the Northerners, and demands for the breaking off of all relations with Britain and the "downing" of imperialism.

The next news was that Gen. Chen, the former Anhui Governor, had been appointed to command the 37th Nationalist Division, and the local man, Gen. Wang-pu had been appointed to command the 27th Nationalist Division. These troops were their own troops under their new name. During that day and the next the rain poured down steadily, dampening, and enthusiasm to a very large extent, and but for the expected arrival of a Cantonese general named Ching it is likely that all would have passed off quietly for the foreigners. It was not to be, however.

Customs Club Wrecked.

During the day the C. M. S. Kianguah was commandeered by the military and sent to Ankang, from whence she returned the next morning with 4,000 Honanese troops. Of these troops it was reported that their officers were fairly smart, but the men themselves were the usual rabble of badly equipped boys of any age from 13 upwards. The Kianguah was then sent back for more troops, and the rumour went round that she would be back at six o'clock in the evening with the Cantonese Gen. Ching on board. The students on hearing this promptly organized a mass meeting to welcome him. The crowds gathered at an early hour, but when seven o'clock came, the ship had not arrived. As the hours dragged on the students amused themselves and the crowd by delivering violent lectures against the foreign devils.

The logical and perfectly natural result was to arouse the mob spirit inherent in any great crowd. Cheers were given, and an occasional cry was heard, "Kill the foreign devils, kill the foreign devils." Soon the rally was taken up by the whole crowd, which, by eight o'clock, had developed into an hysterical and raving mass of people. A concerted move was then made for the Customs Club, and for the space of ten or fifteen minutes the crowd were allowed to vent all their bile on the premises.

Wanton Destruction.

Every window in the building was smashed, book cases were thrown down and individual books wantonly torn to pieces. Tables, chairs, pictures and mirrors were all smashed. A new gramophone was reduced to scraps, whilst a piano, also new, was hardly recognizable for what it was when the crowd had done. The keys were broken, the woodwork smashed in, and the inside torn out and strewn around the floor. The bar was (Continued on page 12.)

THE INDIAN ARMY ESTIMATES.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY'S REJECTION.

A FOURFOLD PROTEST.

New Delhi, Mar. 15.

The Legislative Assembly has rejected by 56 votes to 47 the entire Army Estimate for a protest against the slow process of the Indianisation of the Army, high military expenditure, the non-publication of the Sandhurst Committee Report on the training of Indians for military commissions and the transfer of the garrison at Aden to the British Government without consulting the Indian Legislature.

General Birdwood declared that the Army had been so reduced that it was unable to spare more than four Divisions for outside service, compared with eight before the War.—*Reuter.*

MARCONI COMPANY.

REORGANISATION SCHEME CARRIED.

London, Mar. 15.

A crowded meeting of the Marconi Company shareholders in London considered proposals to reduce the capital, and after a lively discussion, in the course of which Sir John Marconi threatened to resign from the Board if the different proposals, made by a committee of shareholders, were carried, the Directors' report was put to the vote and declared carried. A poll was then demanded on the motion, and this was granted.

The poll resulted in 1,586,000 for the adoption of the report and 320,000 against.—*Reuter.* [An earlier message explained that it was recommended, in the report of the Directors, that there should be a general reorganisation and the appointment of new directors, the cancellation of capital to the extent of £1,626,000, and the subsequent restoration of normal capital to £4,000,000 by the creation of new shares.]

DEAD MAN FINED!

AN IDENTITY MIX-UP.

A Sanitary Department summons against the tenant of a house in Cochrane Street was erroneously responded to by the landlord who was under the impression that he was being called in connection with an entirely different summons in which he was charged with a similar offence.

The mistake was not discovered until a fine of \$10 had been imposed, when it was also found that the tenant had been dead for many months. Matters were put right by the withdrawal of the summons against the dead tenant, and by the transference to the landlord of the penalty that had been imposed.

Both cases were heard before Major C. Willson at the Central Police Court this morning.

GERMAN POLITICS.

ACTION OF DR. STRESEMANN APPROVED.

Berlin, Mar. 15.

Rumours that Nationalist Ministers intended to demand Dr. Stresemann's resignation because he signed the Sarr agreement at Geneva last week, have been effectively quashed by the action of the Cabinet, which, after hearing a statement by the Foreign Minister, unanimously approved of the attitude of the German delegation at Geneva.—*Reuter.*

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 1/11/7/16
Lighting-up 5.33 p.m.

MADAME BORODIN.

NO REQUEST TO BRITAIN.

WHY VESSEL WAS SEIZED.

London, March 15.

In the House of Commons, replying to Com. Wedgwood (Labour), Mr. Locker-Lampson stated that the reports he had received from Sir Miles Lampson did not indicate that any request to take steps to secure the liberation of Madame Borodin had been addressed to him.—*Reuter.*

Details of Seizure.

In conversation with a representative of the N. C. Daily News last week, M. Merkuloff, advisor to Marshal Chang Chung-chang, said:—

"The former Volunteer Fleet ship, the Pamiat Lenina, which was seized at Nanking 10 days ago, and from which Mme. Borodin and three Soviet diplomatic representatives were removed, had long been suspected by the Northerners of carrying on illicit trade. At Vladivostok, agents could not ascertain what the vessel carried, as the G. P. U., supplanting the Cheka, kept strangers away.

"The military authorities allowed several journeys to be made, but on a recent occasion the River Police noticed while on board ship, that several large cases of cargo were dropped overboard. Their suspicions aroused, the military seized the Pamiat Lenina on her next trip toward Hankow, seizing large quantities of literature—which is being translated—and much ammunition.

In Comfortable Quarters.

"Mme. Borodin, we knew, had made several voyages to Siberia, but Marshal Chang assured her that it would be unsafe, because of his military movements, for her to proceed to Hankow. She was taken to Tsinan. She was permitted to send a telegram to Borodin and write him. At present she is detained in comfortable quarters in Tsinan."

M. Merkuloff said that he saw Mme. Borodin personally and she told him that she was satisfied with the attitude of her Chinese guards, the leader of whom spoke good Russian. She denied that her husband was Radical and said that he worked merely for China and for the Chinese.

"The Red Curse."

"Marshal Chang 'Chung-chang' will fight the Red curse, in China to a finish, he cannot be bought, nor will he bargain for advantage with representatives of the Soviet," M. Merkuloff continued. He added that there had never been any thought of compromise with the Cantonese in the mind of his superior. The Fengtien, Shantung and White Russian factions were working in perfect accord and with a common objective, to stamp out Communism. In the Army, the Russians were just as Chinese. They fought shoulder to shoulder with the Chinese and under orders from the general staff. There were about 5,000 Russians in the pay of Shantung.

Questioned as to Marshal Chang 'Chung-chang's plans for the defence of Shanghai and military preparations in the vicinity of Nanking and Sungkiang M. Merkuloff refused to go into detail, but emphasized his personal belief and Chang's confidence in their ability to defend the entire area, including Soochow.

PALESTINE CURRENCY.

TO BE BASED ON ENGLISH POUND.

London, Mar. 15.

It is officially announced from Jerusalem that the new Palestine currency will appear this year on the basis of a decimal division of the English pound sterling.

The Palestine pound, which will be equivalent to one thousand mils, going will bear only an olive wreath or sprig and the denomination in English and Arabic, but the notes will bear a pictorial decoration also.—*British Wireless.*

THE LUCKY GYPSIES DEPART.

OTHERS STILL REMAIN IN COLONY.

A CHARGE OF LARCENY.

After having won a big prize in the Chinese Club sweepstake the Floris family of gypsies made their departure from the Colony yesterday afternoon aboard the President Grant. In doing this, they were forced to part company with the others of the band of circus performers, who, not being as fortunate in winning a Race sweep prize, are obliged to make an indefinite stay here.

The troubles of these other gypsies appear to be without end. While awaiting their disposal by the police authorities, one of them, a young Serbian, has got into trouble with the police, and is now held on a charge of larceny of \$30 from a Chinese shop at Canton Road by means of an alleged trick.

George Petroff, the young gypsy in question, will be charged with the offence before the Magistrate in due course.

NAVAL LIMITATION.

FRANCE NOT LIKELY TO JOIN CONFERENCE.

Paris, Mar. 15.

The new effort of the United States to obtain France's co-operation in the disarmament conference does not seem likely to be more successful than the first, according to an indication of feelings in official circles, where the general attitude indicates that the Government is not likely to follow up the original idea of sending an observer. It is pointed out that the presence of an observer would be attended by serious drawbacks as the French naval forces would come up for discussion, while an observer would be unable to refute opinions contrary to French doctrines and, by his silence, appear to subscribe to those opinions. Therefore it is presumed that the Government will not participate. The Cabinet has lengthily discussed the reply and will finally draw up the text at its meeting on Saturday.—*Reuter.*

WAR DEBTS.

PAYMENTS BY ITALY AND FRANCE.

London, Mar. 15.

The Italian Government duly paid to the British Government to-day the sum of £2,000,000, being the third instalment payable under the War Debt Funding Agreement.

The French Government also paid to-day the sum of £2,000,000, as the second instalment on account of the French War Debt.—*British Wireless.*

THE "LIMCHOW."

BEING TOWED TO PORT.

Disabled by engine and propeller trouble, occurring after she left Hongkong on resuming her interrupted voyage to Haiphong, the s.s. Limchow has been compelled to turn back after being several hours out at sea.

The vessel is being towed in by a tug from the Kowloon Docks, and, according to word received from Messrs. Sing Kee, the local Agents, is expected to arrive here sometime to-morrow morning.

INFLUENZA TOLL.

DECLINE IN DEATH FIGURES.

London, Mar. 15.

The number of influenza deaths continues to decline. In London there were 49 last week against 69 in the previous week. In the 105 great towns, there were 572 deaths as compared with 898.—*British Wireless.*

UNUSUAL CASE.

CONVICT APPEARS AS PLAINTIFF.

APPLICATION REFUSED.

An unusual case came before Mr. J. R. Wood, acting Chief Justice, in the Supreme Court this morning, when a Chinese convict, as plaintiff, applied for a case to be adjourned for two years until he came out of prison.

The plaintiff is named Au Kim-lui and he sued the Wing On Company, Ltd., for \$50,000, being money received by the defendants for the use of the plaintiff at the rate of 12 cents per \$1,000 per day until date of payment or judgment.

The plaintiff was brought to the Court in custody from Victoria Gaol. Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Bulmer Johnson, appeared for the defendants.

Sequel to Forgery.

The money sued for is the sum that figured in charges of forgery at the Criminal Sessions in May, last year, when the plaintiff, with others, was sent to prison for employing forged deposit books. The civil action was started in 1923, but owing to information which was given to the police, criminal charges were brought and the civil action was left in abeyance. An application was made by the defendants that the case should be tried to-day.

This morning the plaintiff asked for an adjournment for two years, until he had finished his three years' term, but this was opposed by Mr. Jenkin. As the plaintiff refused to open his case by giving evidence, judgment was given for the defendants.

His Lordship, speaking to the plaintiff, said his (plaintiff's) former solicitors had informed the Court that they were no longer instructed by him in the case, and that the defendants had applied for the case to be tried this morning. He asked plaintiff what he wished to do.

Plaintiff's Position.

Plaintiff replied that he had given sufficient evidence in the criminal case last year about the matter, and expressed the hope that his Lordship would consider that evidence. He said he was claiming against the defendants for two sums of money. One deposit of \$30,000 was made on April 26th, 1923, and a second, of \$20,000, on the following day.

His Lordship:—Do you still claim that money?

Plaintiff:—Yes.

What evidence do you want to offer in support of that claim?—I am in prison and can produce no evidence.

Have you any witnesses here?—I must go out and look for my partners before I can produce them.

What is the length of your sentence?—Three years. I have been in prison for eleven months. Do you want to give evidence yourself?—When I have served my term and after consultation with all my partners I will do so. He added that he did not wish to give evidence himself then.

Then you ask for the trial to be postponed until a date after you come out of prison?—Yes.

Adjournment Opposed.

Mr. Jenkin said there was no reason why there should be an adjournment. The plaintiff was sentenced on May 12th, 1926, and his full term would not expire until May 12th, 1929.

His Lordship:—There is a possibility that he might get remission.

Mr. Jenkin replied that that was so, but his Lordship must take into account that there was also a possibility that he might not get remission, and in that case he would be two years or more before the trial of the action could take place. To grant an adjournment of that nature would cause great hardship on the defendants, for the obvious reason that evidence which was required to be called on their behalf was voluminous. The investigation of the matter in Criminal Jurisdiction, last year occupied fifteen days, and, as far as he could see, the same issues were being fought out in the civil action. The civil action would also occupy many days, probably ten. If an adjournment were granted for two years, said Mr. Jenkin, many of the witnesses required to be called on the defendants' behalf (Continued on page 12.)

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In his annual report, read at yesterday's distribution of prizes to the successful pupils, the Headmaster of the Central British School, Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale, reviewed the work of the staff and pupils during the past year, revealing the highly satisfactory results attained, and which were accompanied by the notable feat of a pupil, Miss Mary Oliver, in capturing most of the special prizes.

Replying, Mrs. W. T. Southern, who kindly presented the awards, warmly congratulated the school on its achievement, and made a delightful speech on the objects to be sought from modern education. As a result of Miss Oliver's success, to-day has been declared as a special holiday, the announcement being received with vociferous cheers from the pupils at the close of yesterday's function.

There were present, in addition to Mrs. Southern who performed the function, a large number of visitors and friends, which included the Director of Education (Mr. A. E. Wood), the Inspector of Schools (Mr. E. Ralphs), Mr. B. Wylie, Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Lindsay, Rev. Mr. Horace Johnston, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Dr. J. Fenton, Mr. M. Montargis, and others.

The Headmaster, Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale read the annual report as follows:

Headmaster's Report.

The Headmaster, in his report on the year's work, stated: As in all my reports of the past few years, I must again emphasize our urgent need of extra classrooms, a science lecture room, a manual instruction room, a common room for the staff, and a properly equipped kitchen and classroom for housewifery and cookery classes. The technical institute is now a very important part of the educational facilities provided by the Central British School, and these extensions are necessary if full advantage is to be taken of the opportunities offered for the development of Continuation Classes open to those over school age.

On leaving school, boys and girls are apt to think that their serious education is complete, but education of some kind must go on all the time during life. They do not yet feel the influence of the world, the big school that is continually giving lessons, influencing their outlook, their attitude, their character. Before them stretch greater problems under the name of school. If they are wise they will not drift through life swayed by circumstances one way and another, as a rudderless ship is swayed by currents, but will realise, while the power and habit of application are strong within them, that they must still be studious and thorough. To those who have the desire to let slip the important years of youth and early manhood and womanhood we offer here facilities for further and more advanced studies.

Attendance.

The School was opened on 199 days. The maximum enrolment was 173, the average attendance during the whole year being 131.4, an increase of 18.4 over that of 1925. The highest monthly average was 151 in February, 1926, the lowest being 116 in September. The attendance was generally good in spite of there being several cases of fever, malaria and dengue. For trivial reasons there were very few cases of absence, and I wish again to express my keen appreciation of the interest and co-operation of the parents in our efforts to inculcate the great, the invaluable principles of regularity and punctuality.

Staff.

Rev. G. E. S. Updell joined the staff in January, and Dr. Fenton and Mr. Mason in September. Rev. D. M. Richards left, on home leave, in January. Miss Tasarri in July and Mr. Reeve in December. Mr. Jordan resigned his position as Manual Instructor in July.

Visitors.

The School was visited by H. E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, accompanied by the Director of Education. Other visitors were Lady Clementi, the Inspectors of Schools, members of

the Board of Education, teachers from New Zealand, Australia, and U.S.A., many parents, and others interested in the School.

Medical Inspection.

The new entrants were medically examined by the M. O. S., who reported "a fairly large number (18 out of 50) have some defect."

School Prospectus.

The School Prospectus for 1927 has been published and I shall be pleased to send copies to those interested in the education of British children in the Far East.

Charity.

Our students were again active in the cause of charity, assisting at the Sale of Poppies on Armistice Day, and at the Annual Sale of Work of the Ministering Children's League. They also contributed to the Navy League fund in aid of the sufferings in the Wainman Incident. The girls of Classes 3 and 4 continued their work in support of the London Hospital, a draft for £21 being sent as the result of their labours.

Library.

Our thanks are again due to Mr. W. G. Joseph and Mr. E. B. Raymond for sending us illustrated magazines and periodicals, to Captain Muir for the National Geographic Magazine, and to the Director of the Royal Observatory for the daily Weather Charts.

Old Pupils' Association.

The membership increased during the year, but there are still many old pupils who have not yet joined the Association. To them I appeal for their active support, as the ties that bind them to their old school may not be broken. At King's Park may, not be broken. The Association now has tennis and hockey grounds opened in October, the Director of Education being present. During the year many social evenings, dances and bathing parties were held. The water polo team again secured second place in the League.

Girl Guides.

Interest in the School Troops was well maintained. The Captain, Miss Owen Hughes, and the Lieutenant, Miss Holyoak, resigned owing to their departure from the Colony, and the Section is now under the temporary charge of Miss Wanklyn, a Commissioner from Home.

Games and Sports.

We again thank the Committee of the Kowloon Football Club for granting us the use of their ground on three days a week for football and hockey, and the Committee of the Kowloon Cricket Club for permission to play matches on their ground.

We have now splendid playing fields at King's Park and full use was made of them by those playing tennis, cricket and hockey under the enthusiastic control of Mr. Rowell, who organised a very full programme of games and reported as follows:

"On practically every fine School day some sport has been indulged in by the pupils." Swimming was again popular, the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club permitting us to use the Dock bathing beach. J. Lyon and D. Kelly, of Class 3, competed in the Harbour Race, the former gaining fifth place in excellent time, 29 min. 56 sec. He also won the Boys' 100 yards Swimming Championship of the Colony. We held our Annual Empire Day picnic at Castle Peak. Physical Instruction and Boxing Classes were held twice a week during the cooler months.

University Examinations.

The results obtained in the Matriculation Examination were very satisfactory. For the first time in the history of the School a Matriculation Honours Certificate was awarded to one of our students, Mary Oliver, who also obtained "distinction" in English, a result reflecting great credit on the School. Of the first student of the Matriculation Class three passed, one mentioned above, being awarded Honours, and G. G. Edwards and J. Vickars gaining "distinction" in English. Of Class 1, one student Matriculated, and of Class 2 two passed, E. L. Hayes obtaining "distinction" in Chemistry, the first student from C. B. S. to gain this distinction. The "Montargis French Prizes" were won by "Senior"—Mary Oliver; "Junior"—E. L. Hayes.

Annual Examination.

The results of the annual examination of Classes 3-6 were also very satisfactory, being much better than those obtained in 1925, a year of interrupted work. 106 children were

examined, of whom 81% passed, having obtained over 60% of the aggregate marks, those obtaining less than this not qualifying for promotion to a higher class. I am especially pleased to be able to report a decided advance in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, English Grammar, Literature, Composition, Drawing and Cookery. Arithmetic was very well done, accuracy and neatness being noticeable, and the work being methodically arranged. Algebra was good, especially in Class 4. The Physics and Chemistry results promise well for the future. Visitors to the School have been much impressed with the excellence of our laboratories, which, though small, are very well equipped. We are at last in the happy condition of having in Classes 2 and 3 many who have progressed through Classes 3 and 4 at this School, and we can look forward with confidence to a year of more advanced work and to a further list of successes at the annual examination in 1927.

This is the first time, for many years, that we have had in Class 2 the Junior Local Examination Class, more than 20 pupils, many of whom have been with us for at least three years. Some of these, however, may leave the Colony during the year, and it may be our unhappy lot, I might almost say our inevitable lot, to see, once again, the fruits of our labours reaped by other schools.

Although it is disappointing to lose promising children whom we have trained for several years, we are encouraged by the excellent results obtained in Home schools. We frequently find that they are placed in classes where their ages are much below the average ages of the classes. I should like to quote one particular criticism of a girl who entered a Home school a little while ago. The Head Mistress reports: "I am promising in her work and businesslike in tackling it." A businesslike method of tackling work is what we aim at and it is most gratifying to feel that we are achieving it.

Royal Drawing Society.

At the Annual examination in the various Divisions held in June very good results were obtained. Two candidates, J. Hirst and J. Maycock, having gained Honours in all Divisions, were awarded "Full" certificates, the first time in the history of the School, and, I think, of the Colony, that such certificates have been awarded. The general report of the Society stated: "A very good and well sustained result."

36 "Honours" and 57 "Pass" certificates were gained this year, showing the high standard of work that is being maintained. This examination is taken by all the British Schools here, and the following figures show the excellent results obtained this year:

Number of pupils examined . . . 175

"Honours" certificates . . . 36

"Pass" certificates . . . 68

In conclusion, I thank all the donors of these prizes, and all the members of the Staff for their enthusiastic co-operation and support throughout the year, and I wish to express to you, Mrs. Southern, our deep appreciation of the honour you have conferred on the Colony by your contribution here this evening to distribute the prizes, and to inspire us to carry on, to the utmost of our power, the important work of the education of British children in this Colony.

Mrs. Southern's Address.

The prizes were then distributed by Mrs. Southern, who at the close of the ceremony said:

It is with mixed feelings that I have come here this afternoon, regret and pleasure, regret that my husband is unable to perform the pleasant duties that fall to my share, owing to pressure of work, and pleasure that you wished me to come in his stead.

I think my only qualification for coming here is that I went to a girls' school myself and that I had six brothers, so that I may claim to know something of school-girls and schoolboys.

People say that things appear rosier when looking backward, and I dare say that is true. You don't see the roughness of the road when you look down upon it from the hilltop. But for all that I still maintain that my school-days were very happy. When do you get again that chance of making so many friendships, of playing so many games, of working without worry or responsibility?

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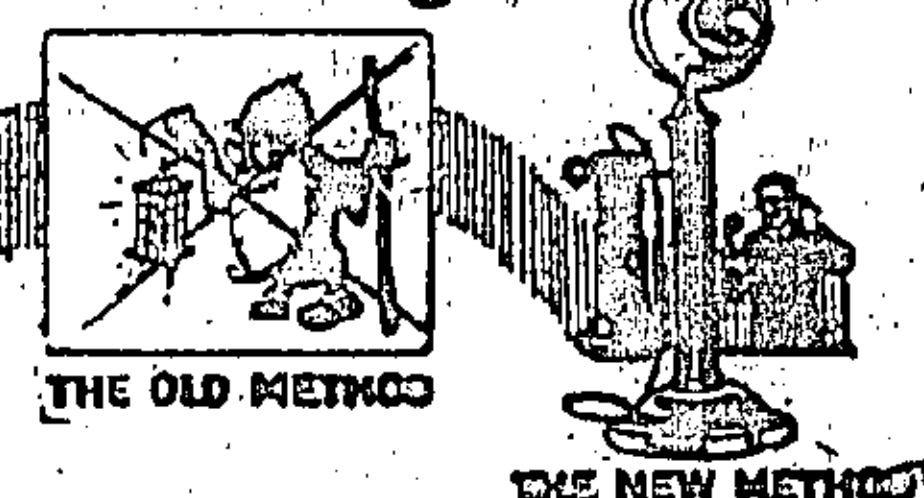
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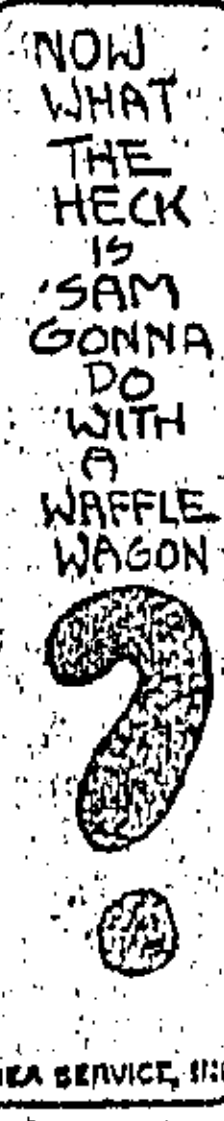
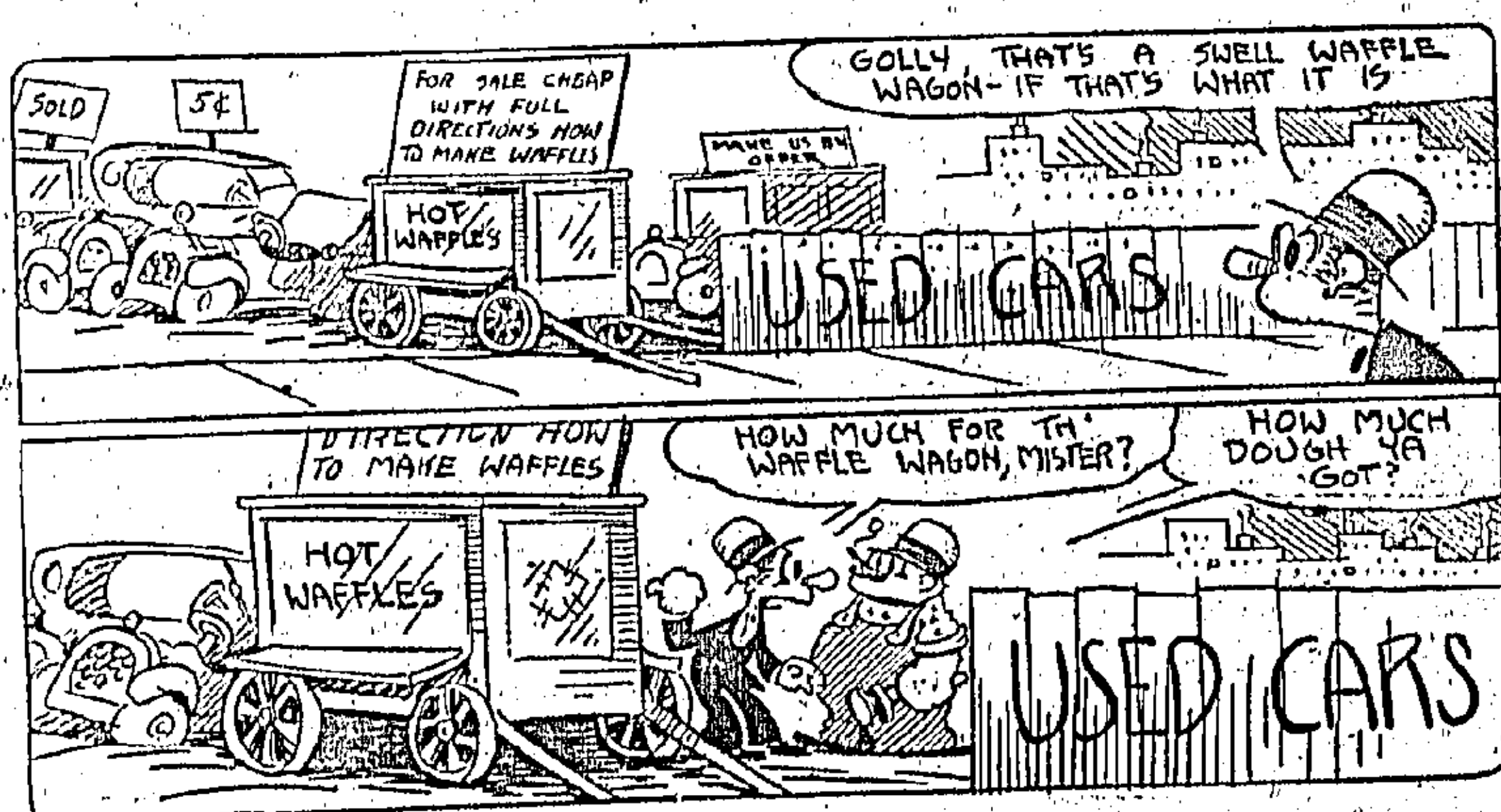


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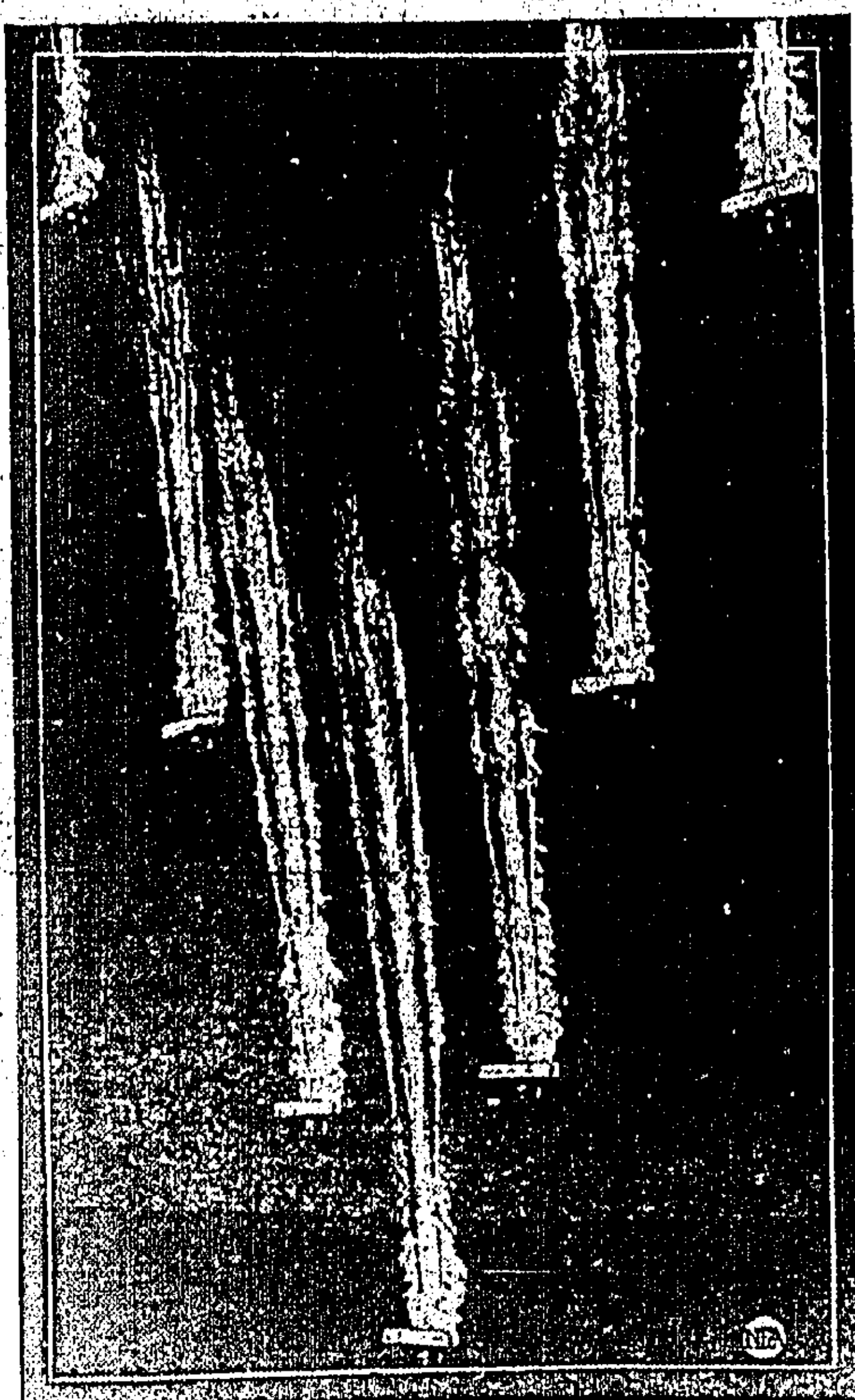




TEXAS' FIRST LADY.—Mrs. Dan Moody, wife of Texas' new and youngest governor, has at least one thing in common with Mrs. Coolidge—a collie dog. Recently Mrs. Moody expressed a wish for a white collie, and the picture shows that the desire was granted.



WED IN ITALY.—Two of the best known families of Virginia and Illinois were united when Elizabeth Stevenson of Bloomington, Illinois, became the bride of Ernest L. Ives of Norfolk, Virginia. The marriage took place in Italy. Ives is in the consular service and the couple will live in Constantinople.



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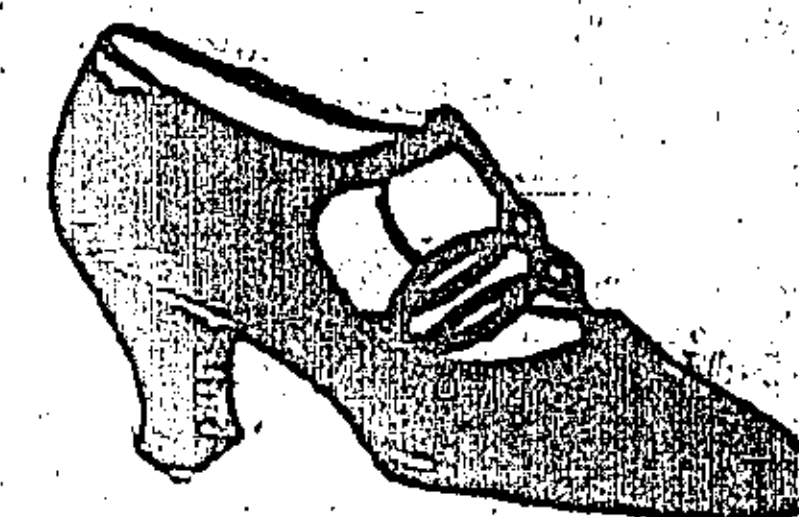
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EXTRA RACE MEETINGS.

Extra Meetings have been fixed provisionally for the following dates:—

26th March.

16th and 18th April.

7th May.

4th and 6th June.

25th June.

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5th November.

26th November.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, March 15th, 1927.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 23rd March, 1927, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th March, 1927, (both days inclusive).

By Order,

of the Board of Directors

R. M. DYER,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1927.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road C, Hongkong, on 31st March, 1927, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The Transfer books of the Company will be closed from 23rd March to 31st March, 1927, both days inclusive.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1927.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1927.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty first Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on Saturday, 26th March, 1927, at noon for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 17th to the 26th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order,

of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1927.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, 18th March, 1927, at 5.30 p.m.

For the following purposes:—

(a) To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the past year.

(b) To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.

(c) To consider the manner in which St. George's Day shall be celebrated.

(d) To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

All Members are requested to attend.

R. E. GREENSMITH,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1927.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-second Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 26th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 18th day of March, to Monday, the 28th day of March, 1927, (both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered).

John D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1927.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED.

The Forty-third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, 24th March, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1926, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, 18th March, 1927, until Thursday, 24th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, March 12, 1927.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1927.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Company Limited, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March 1927, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1926, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 17th to the 23rd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

S. COURTNEY COOK,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1927.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1927.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Monday, the 28th March, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1926.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 28th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th March, 1927, to the 23rd March, 1927, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

LOOK POONG SHAN,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1927.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

The undermentioned Certificates for Shares in this Company have been declared LOST and if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof the documents are not forthcoming the said Certificates will be deemed CANCELLED and of no effect and new Certificates will be issued by the Company.

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FOR THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.,

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Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1927.

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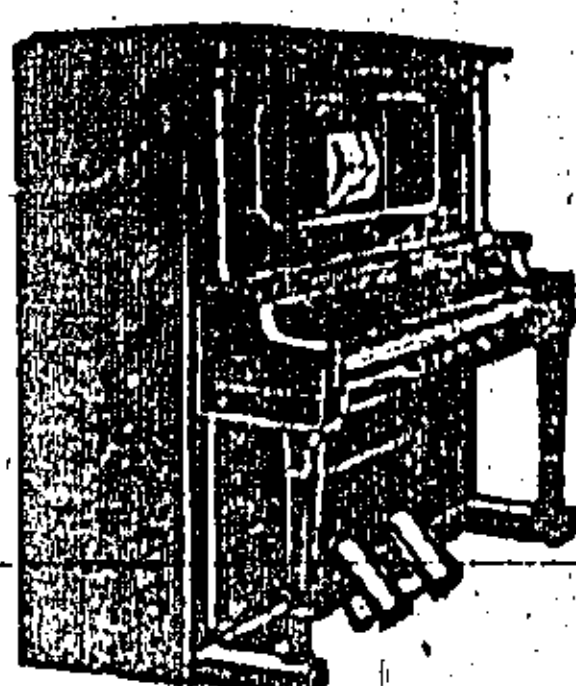
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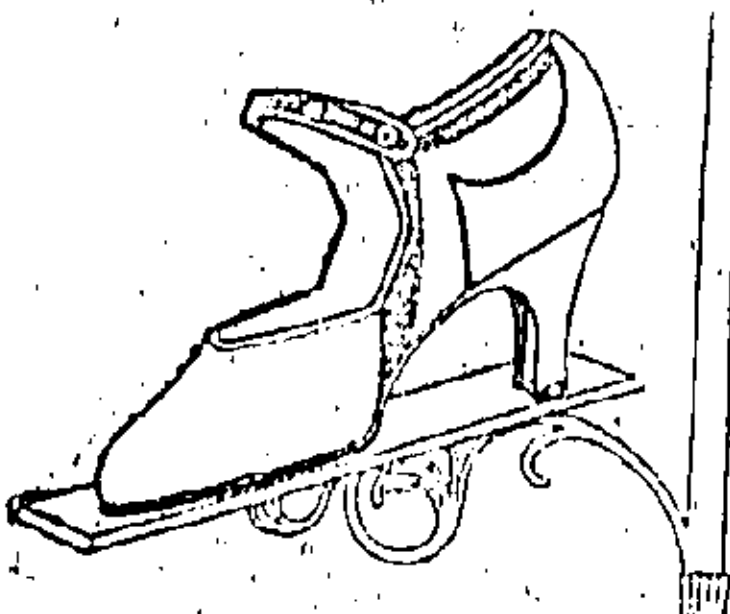
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MID-LEVELS
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The annual general meeting of the Mid-Levels Residents' Association was held at the Ladies' Recreation Club, Peak Road, yesterday evening, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. A. Dowley.

Since the formation of the Association 34 members have been enrolled. The present membership is 69, the reduction being due to departures from the Colony and other causes. The hon. secretary and hon. treasurer's statement of accounts shows a balance in hand on December 31st, 1926, of \$109.79. The fact, however, must not be lost sight of, that owing to 27 members still being in arrears with their subscriptions for 1926, the expenditure for the period under review shows an excess over income of \$3.82. In this connexion it should be mentioned that as the income of the Association will not permit of the employment of a staff, it is earnestly hoped that in the future members will kindly forward their subscriptions to the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer as soon as possible after the receipt of the first demand for same.

Committee's Work.

Several meetings of the committee have been held during the period under review. The committee have brought to the notice of the Government several matters which they considered would be of benefit to the members, such as the provision of a children's playground near May Road station, the difficulty of obtaining taxi cabs by telephone, the better lighting of Tregunter Path and the use by coolies of the benches near May Road station, all of which are receiving sympathetic consideration.

In response to representations by your committee the Peak Tramways Co., Ltd. have met the wants of residents using May Road Station by providing adequate shelter there.

It may appear to members that the committee have concentrated on matters for the benefit of residents on the May Road level only. It is therefore hoped that members resident on the mid-levels other than May Road will bring to the notice of the committee any matters on their particular level which they consider can be usefully dealt with by the Association. Unfortunately this Association is not in the happy position of the Peak Residents' Association and the Kowloon Residents' Association, who, having a winter sphere for their operations, are able to show a much greater result for their labours. We shall only be happy to be placed in a similar position and any suggestion, no matter how small, will always receive ready and sympathetic consideration by the committee.

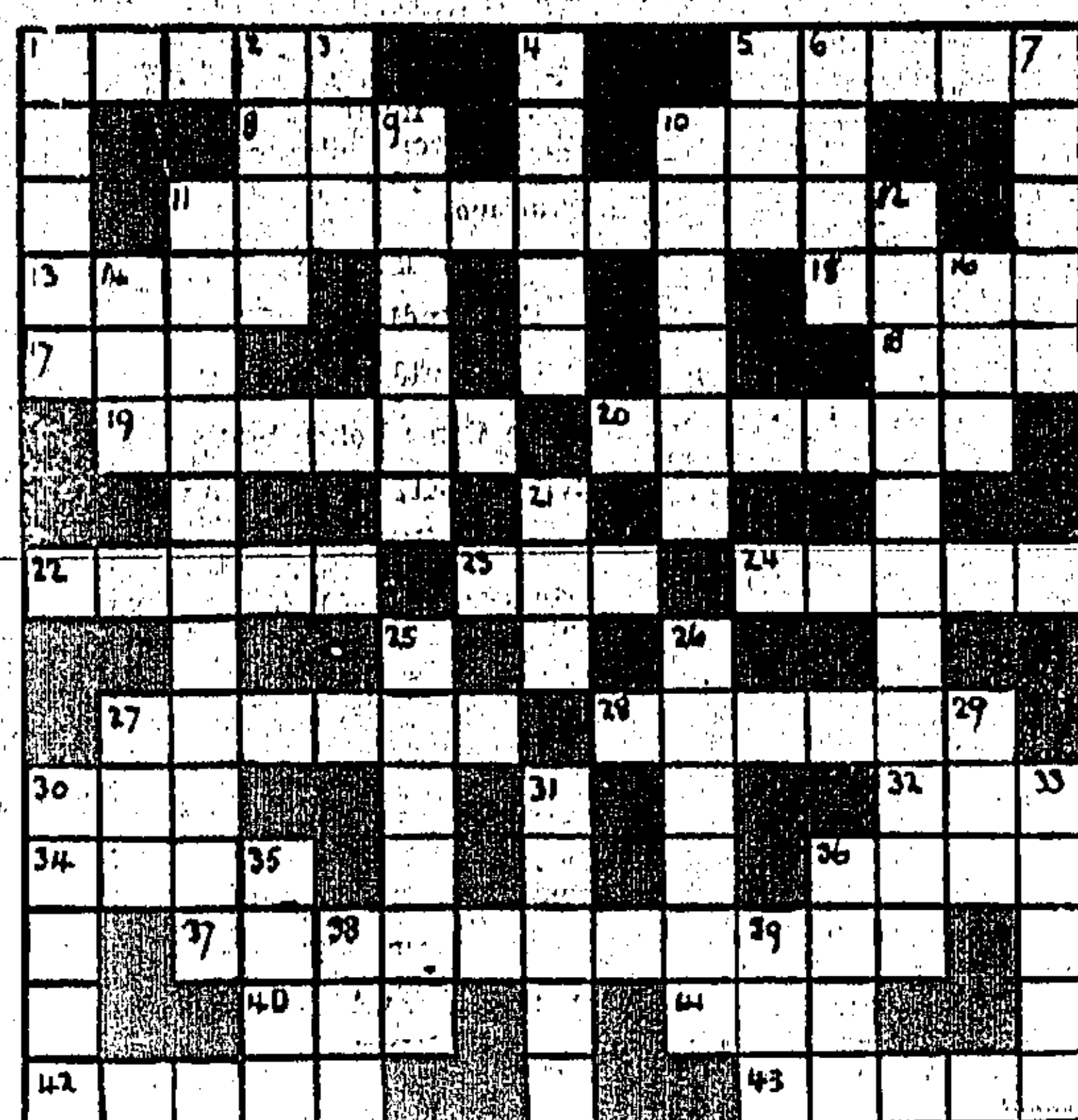
The committee extend their cordial thanks to the committee of the Ladies' Recreation Club for the use of their club room for the purpose of this meeting, to Mr. T. A. Martin for auditing the accounts and to the local press for their interest in the Association's activities.

In conclusion the committee express the hope that members will help them by inducing their friends to join the Association and by thus increasing its membership make it worthy of its existence.

The chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. C. P. Marcel seconded and the proposition was carried unanimously.

Mr. E. M. Hazeland proposed that the following committee be elected. Mr. W. A. Dowley, chairman, Mr. C. P. Marcel, vice-chairman, Messrs. A. L. Shields, T. A. Martin, J. H. Brister, E. S. C. Brooks, J. H. Backhouse, Mrs. G. J. Harman and Miss Russell. Mr. W. G. Joseph, the hon. secretary and treasurer, seconded and the motion was carried.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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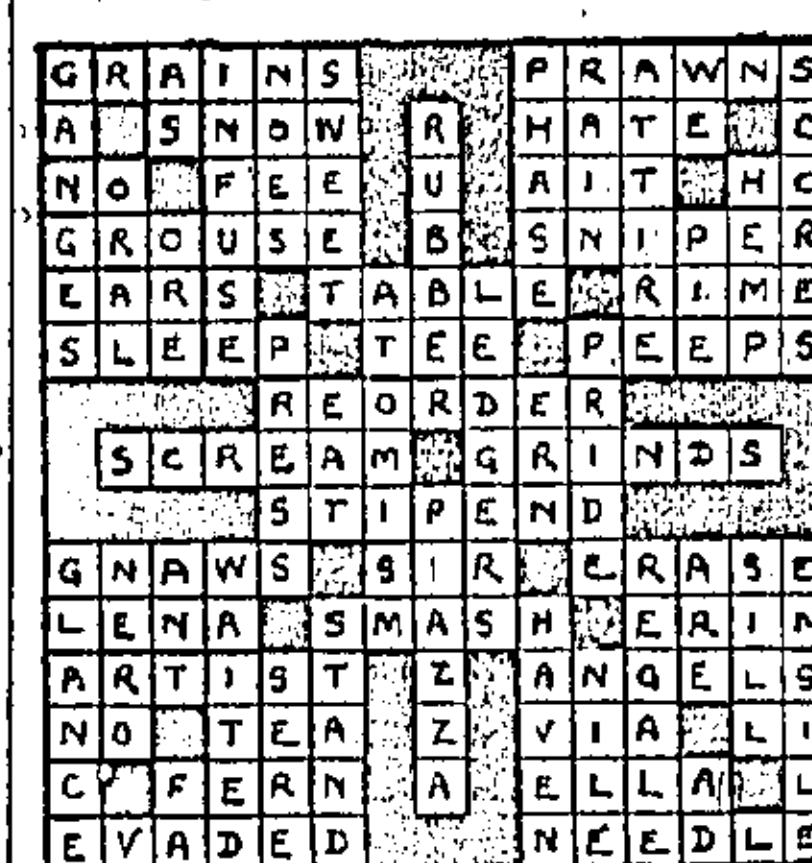
1 Offshoot.
5 Dutch flat-bottomed boat.
8 British river.
10 From.
11 Of the same nature.
13 Curtain.
15 Epic poem.
17 Feminine suffix.
18 Sooner than.
19 Longish marking.
20 Splendid residence.
22 Hard calcareous substance.
23 Cask.
24 Excuse.
27 Combine with gas.
28 Make too late.
30 Emmet.
32 Mischievous child.
34 That which is given.
36 Conco to possess.
37 Exclamation uttered.
40 Beverage.
41 Make a mistake.
42 Throw out in a jet.
43 Superintends the publication of.

Down.

1 Pure closely.
2 Pagan god.
3 Precious stone.
4 Ringlet.
5 Professional (abbr.).
6 Man devoted to pleasure.
7 Dwelling house of parochial clergyman.
9 Pertaining to Acolus.

10 Member of an Irish secret society.
11 Short history.
12 Hazardous transaction.
14 Doll.
16 Contains metal.
21 Play on words.
25 Blot out.
26 An argument.
27 Collection of sayings.
29 Printer's measure (plur.).
30 Approaches.
31 An evergreen.
33 South American labourers.
35 Partly open.
36 Man of his rank.
38 Term in music.
39 Wrath.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



RECENT MURDER.

TWO WOMEN APPEAR ON
CAPITAL CHARGE.

Four Chinese, two of whom were women, stood in the dock at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, to face a charge of murder, the allegations being that the defendants were concerned in the brutal killing of an elderly Chinese woman whose dead body was found on the hillside at Au Piu Lung, near the Kowloon Hospital, on the evening of February 25.

The murder, it will be recalled, was discovered by a Chinese constable, who was on patrol in the vicinity of the Kowloon Hospital. The body of a woman about 40 years old was found with the head smashed in and other injuries from which death occurred. At the time of the gruesome discovery, the body was not identified but it had since been established that the murdered woman was a villager named Lo Nga-tsoi.

In prosecuting the four persons, Inspector Reynolds applied to Mr. W. Schofield for a week's remand, intimating that the Crown would probably be ready to proceed with the case in two or three weeks' time.

The defendants were accordingly remanded for one week formal.

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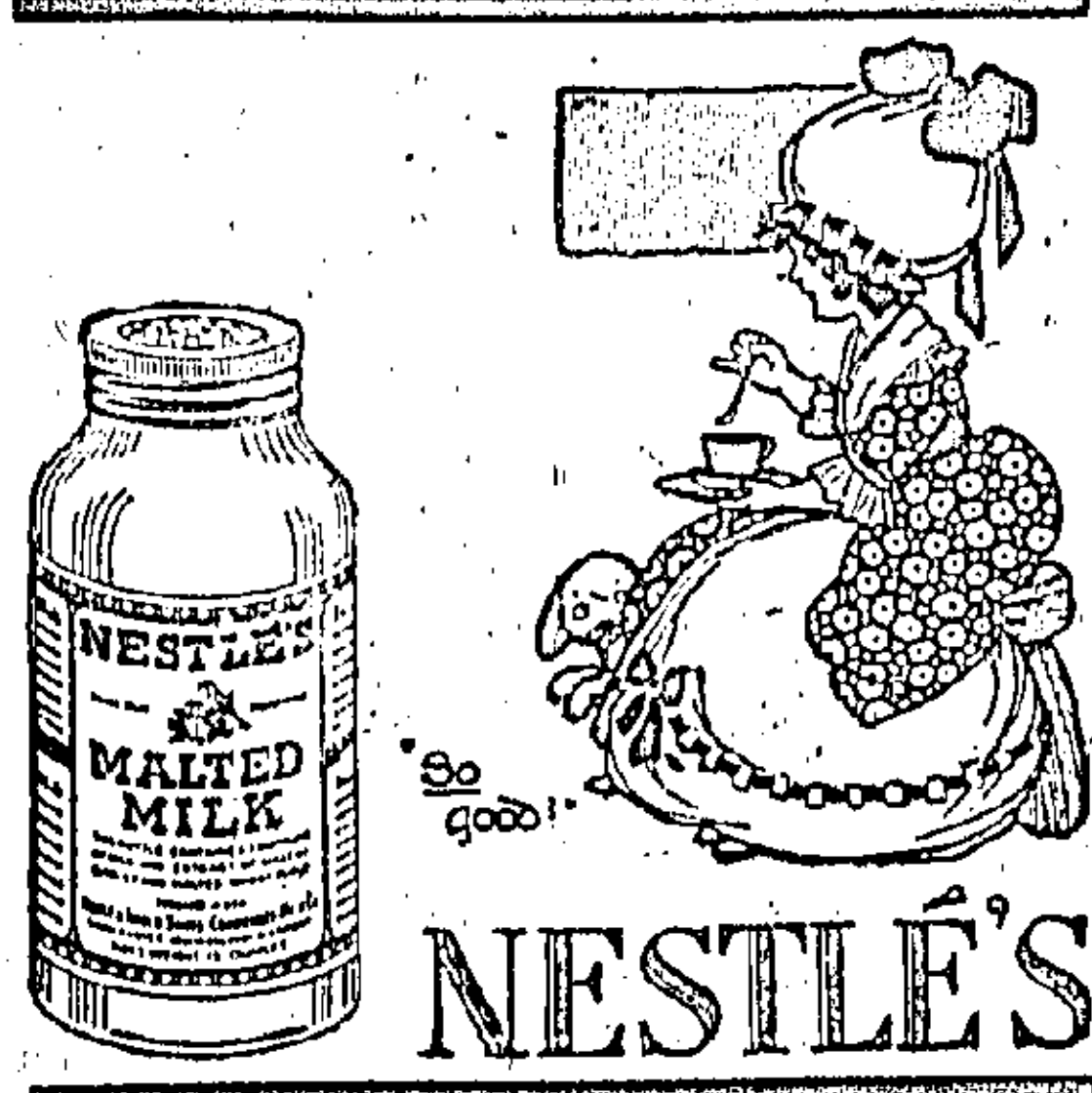
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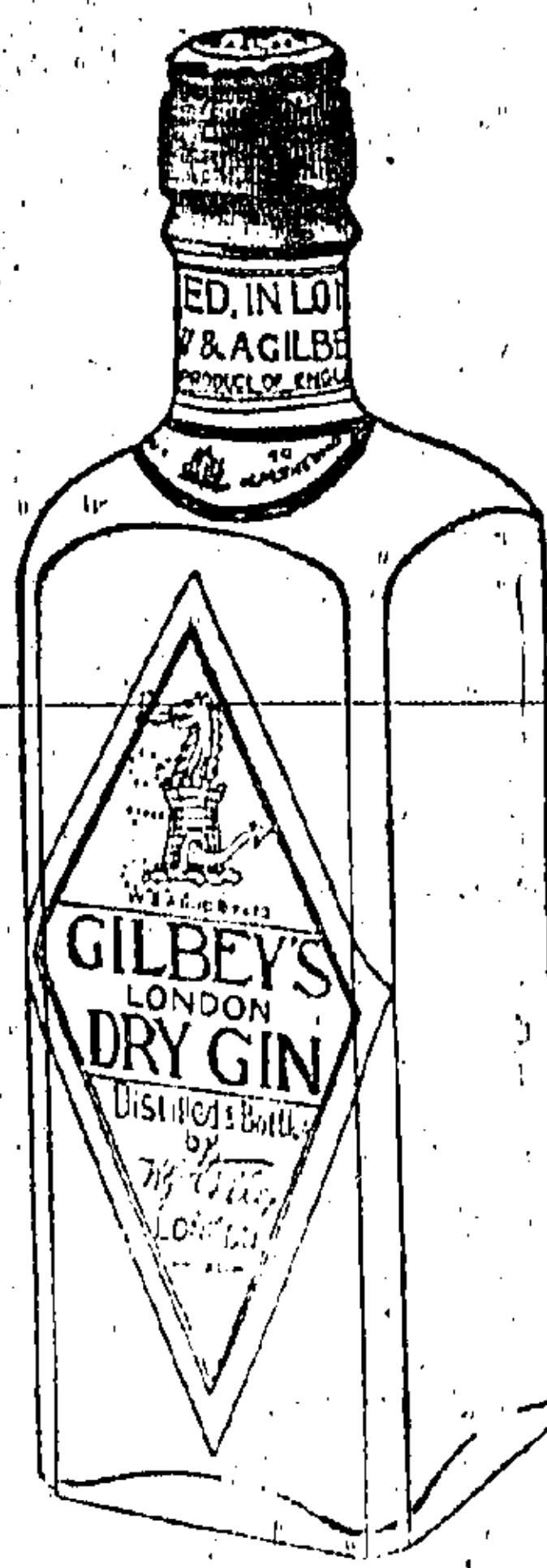
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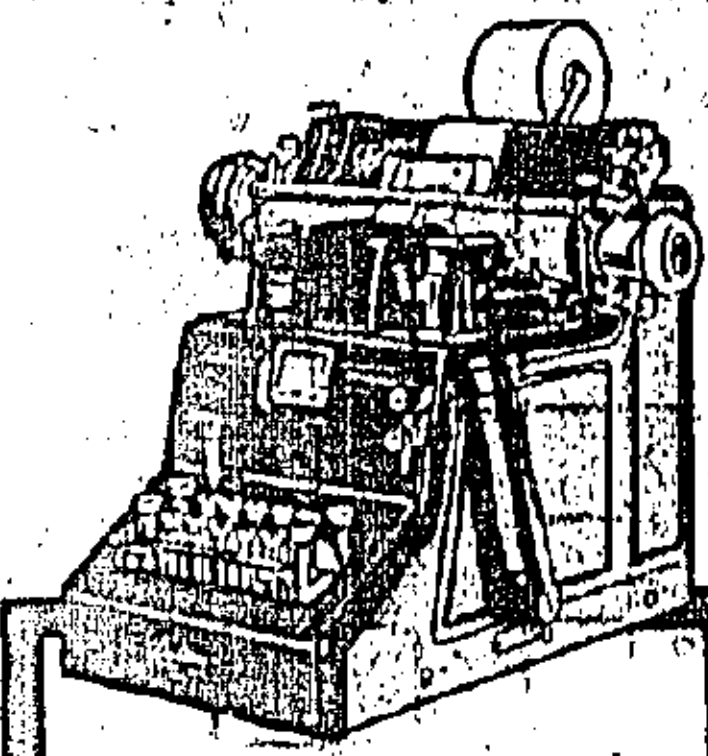
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BRITAIN'S NAVY.

In spite of the fact that the cost of building new tonnage has gone up enormously in recent years, Britain is still able to show a continuous reduction in the cost of her Navy—a really wonderful achievement in these days of rising costs. It means, of course, that Britain's naval strength is being kept down to the absolute minimum—having regard to all the various governing considerations—and it may just be that, in the zeal for economy, Britain is getting down to a point at which it will be well-nigh impossible to reduce further. In the very important speech delivered by the First Lord of the Admiralty (Mr. W. C. Bridgeman) it was pointed out that the estimated expenditure of £58,000,000 would (on the basis of pre-war prices) be worth only about £34,000,000, but that the actual estimates for 1914, before the war, were £51,500,000. This shows that not only has Britain shed all her extra war-time strength but that she has cut down her navy to a lower level than existed before the war. In view of the Washington Treaty of 1922 which restricted the number and size of capital ships, it might be thought that a reduction of Britain's naval expenditure was inevitable, but, owing to the special needs of our maritime empire, it has been deemed necessary to lay down a very definite programme of new cruiser construction. This programme, which was accepted by the House of Commons in 1925, was as follows:—1925-26: four 10,000 ton cruisers and four gunboats; 1926-27, two 10,000 cruisers, one 8,000 ton cruiser, six submarines, two depot and repair ships and four motor launches; 1927-28, one 10,000 ton cruiser, two 8,000 ton cruisers, nine destroyers, six submarines; 1928-29, one 10,000 ton cruiser, two 8,000 ton cruisers, nine destroyers and six submarines; and 1929-1930, one 10,000 ton cruiser, two 8,000 ton cruisers, one aircraft carrier, nine destroyers, 1 fleet submarine, five submarines and one net layer. It must be admitted that this is quite a moderate programme, having regard to size and standard of the British Fleet, and it is this programme which is still being adhered to. Mr. Bridgeman stated

that a promise was given to the Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1925 that the very utmost would be done to effect such economies as would materially reduce, if not entirely obliterate, the extra cost of replacement, and that that had been so faithfully done as to produce more than was necessary. Surely, the world could not be given plainer or more convincing proof that Britain is keeping her naval expenditure down to the very minimum required by the essentials of defence.

Hongkong is especially interested in the construction of the Singapore Base, and will have been gratified to know that there has been much appreciation in Imperial Government circles of the help which this Colony has been able to give. The very handsome contribution of the Malay States was also fittingly acknowledged. It is interesting to learn that the total cost of the construction of the Base (apart from the construction of the huge floating dock now being built) has been reduced from eleven millions sterling to seven-and-a-half millions—an announcement which ought to do much to offset the cry put up by the Labour Party that the country was wasting many millions of money in a totally unnecessary way. Mr. Bridgeman's very plain invitation to Australia to help in bearing the burden will doubtless evoke a response when the opportunity offers, especially in view of the fact that Australia's pronouncement of vital interest in the project has, so far, not been accompanied by a monetary offering. The Labour Party in the House got off its usual platitudes about the desirability of a naval holiday, but we think that all thoughtful Britishers will agree that the Government is only doing the very minimum necessary for the efficient maintenance of the Empire's main arm of defence.

More Distortion.

The Nationalist propagandists are still peering out a regular supply of pernicious matter through the agency of the Press Office of the Political Department of the Revolutionary Army in Hankow, and in the latest issue of its bulletin to hand we notice a lengthy article on the alleged economic results of the recent Canton boycott against Hongkong. In the course of this diatribe, it is stated that Hongkong "has been like a leech on the economic body of South China and has done much to prevent the development of the mainland while Hongkong itself has grown from year to year in wealth and influence." A more absurd distortion of the facts could scarcely be imagined. In another place, Hongkong is referred to as "a parasitical usurper of world trade." Indeed, running through the whole article there is an obvious intention to discredit this Colony and to make it appear that the development of Hongkong has been inspired by a desire to take away trade from South China, whereas the meanest intelligence must grasp the fact that Hongkong desires nothing but the fullest expansion of that trade. Indeed, so far from Hongkong "preventing the development of the mainland," it has, by the facilities it has offered, very materially contributed to the growth of trade and commerce. No stronger evidence of the part which Hongkong has played in this direction could be forthcoming than the fact that whilst the boycott was in operation, trade in South China immensely declined, whilst the suggestion that the existence of this Colony has been a handicap to China is easily refuted when it is recalled that costs of imported goods in Canton and Kwangtung generally went soaring up during the period in which Hongkong was cut off from communication. Free and unfettered intercourse between Hongkong and Canton is all to the advantage of both places (Canton, quite as much as Hongkong), and if the boycott taught one lesson more than another, it surely was that Canton could not hit Hongkong without injuring itself in the process. So far from accepting the Nationalist propaganda point of view, we would prefer to recall the words of a former Chinese statesman that when Britain got Hongkong from China she acquired a barren rock, but she had returned to China in trade and in the spread of enlightened ideas, a mountain of gold.

DAY BY DAY.

Yesterday's health return shows four cases of small-pox, two Chinese and two Malays.

A LITTLE LEARNING IS NOT A DANGEROUS THING TO ONE WHO DOES NOT MISTAKE IT FOR A GREAT DEAL.—*Blaise White.*

There were 18 arrivals in Harbour yesterday and 23 departures, British figures being four and seven respectively, leaving 68 vessels in port, of which 22 were British.

Miss Iris Lepack, living at No. 6, Excelesior Terrace, was attacked and bitten yesterday by a dog owned by the tenant of a house two doors away. She was treated for the injury, while the dog was seized and removed to the depot at Kennedy Town.

A report from Hankow states that the engagement is announced of Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance of the Nationalist Government, to Miss Laura Chang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Chang of Kiangsi. Miss Chang was educated at the Eliza Yates Memorial School of Shanghai. The marriage will take place this spring.

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—General Metzingor, Sinkiang, Empress of Canada, Mongolia, Kumsang, Porthos, Khyber, Soochow, Chinkua, Titarcon, City of Calcutta, Honghua, Klungehow, Tjikandi, Durban Maru, Amazon Maru, Amur Maru, Penang Maru, Ak Maru and Bankura.

News of the death of Chief Petty Officer A. A. Stephens of H. M. S. Carlisle has been received from Shanghai. C. P. O. Stephens was 24 years of age and very popular amongst his messmates and friends. An earnest Theosophist, he was a member of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society and well known at the European Y. M. C. A., Kowloon. He leaves a mother, Mrs. C. A. Stephens, of Delaware Lodge, York Road, Wigmore, Kent.

MATSHED ROBBERY.

TWO CHINESE CHARGED.

Two men were charged, formally, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court this morning, with being concerned, with two others not in custody, in a robbery at a matshed at Wongnei-chong village, Happy Valley. A previous report stated that the two men were arrested while running up the hillside, above the matshed, following a hue-and-cry given by one of the victims. They were secured by villagers, who turned them over to the Wanchai police.

Detective Sergeant Rozesky, in formally charging the defendants with acts of robbery, asked for a week's remand, for further investigations.

The application was granted.

CRUELTY CHARGE.

CHINESE WOMAN REMANDED.

Charged with cruelty to a little servant-girl, a Chinese woman was again remanded, formally, on appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Geo. K. Hall Brutton, who represented the defendant, was informed by his Worship that the girl, who is alleged to have received serious injuries at the hands of the woman, was still in hospital, and that it was not expected that she would be in a fit condition to appear in Court for a few days yet.

Defendant was remanded until the 22nd instant.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Mar. 15.	
Paris	123
Brussels	34.91
Amsterdam	12.127
Berlin	20.45
Copenhagen	18.22
Geneva	34.47
Helsingfors	19.25
Lisbon	2.17/32
Rio	1.61/64
Bombay	1/14
Hongkong	4.55/16
New York	25.22
Shanghai	10.00
Stockholm	18.14
Oslo	18.53
Prague	1.03
Madrid	2.80/12
Athens	37.4
Buenos Aires	47.17/8
Yokohama	2/5
Silver (spot)	2/4
Silver (forward)	2/4

—British Wireless.

ENTERED LADIES' CABIN.

ABOARD SHIP WITHOUT PERMISSION.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Lieut.-Commandr. G. F. Holo, an unusual case of boarding without permission was heard.

Tsang Fok, an unemployed coolie of Wanchai, and Man Ming, an unemployed youth of Shanghai Street, were charged with being on board a.s. Van Buren without the permission of the officer commanding. Both pleaded guilty.

The officer in charge of the case pressed for a serious conviction against the first defendant and produced evidence which showed that he had been seen to enter a lady's cabin on board and was subsequently arrested by an Indian Guard.

The statement of the lady occupant of the cabin, Mrs. H. C. Beury, was as follows:—"At about 3.45 p.m. on March 15, my daughter and myself were sleeping in our cabin, when I was awakened by someone calling 'Is there anybody in your room?' I looked around and saw a Chinese lying on the floor between my daughter's bed and my own. I shouted out and the electric light was switched on. An Indian watchman then came into the cabin and arrested the Chinese. The watchman then asked if anything had been stolen and later investigation showed that the contents of a purse had been abstracted, comprising two \$1 American notes and some loose silver. A suitcase appeared to have been tampered with, and several articles of wearing apparel, which had been placed on top on the previous night, had been strewn about the room."

His Worship asked whether there were any previous convictions against the first accused, and a record was produced showing that he had been sent to gaol for unlawful possession. The accused denied that he had been previously convicted and the case was accordingly adjourned for 24 hours for verification of fingerprints, the accused remaining in police custody.

The second defendant, who was arrested by another Indian Guard when he tried to run away, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

It was later ascertained that the second defendant was a juvenile of only 13 years of age, and the case was reopened at noon. He was then sentenced to twelve strokes with the cane, which were administered by an officer of the Water Police.

Chin Chi Fat, master, and Wong Kam, mistress, of fishing boats, charged with dredging in the Naval Anchorage, pleaded guilty, the results of their efforts being produced in Court and were severally fined \$7, with the alternative of one week's imprisonment with hard labour.

BOGUS CONSTABLE.

WANTED BOARDING HOUSE COMMISSION.

For impersonating a constable, a Chinese was this morning fined \$100, or given the alternative of three months' hard labour, by Major C. Willson.

Detective Inspector Murphy conducted the case for the prosecution.

It appears that on the 11th inst., defendant entered the Hing Lee Boarding House and demanded a commission from the Manager for introducing a certain guest. As the manager had never seen the defendant before, he naturally refused to give the money to him, particularly as there was a commission due to another man for introducing the guest mentioned.

Defendant then informed the Manager that he was from the police and produced a card to him for inspection, but even then the Manager would not pay him. While they were talking, the broker to whom the money was due strolled in and the Manager then produced the commission and placed it on a table. The defendant lost no time in grabbing hold of the money and was about to leave the boarding house, but the broker halted a constable, who was standing near by, and had the man arrested.

The near presence of the constable was explained by the fact that defendant had previously accosted the broker in the street and there demanded three dollars from him and the broker had sent him to the Hing Lee Boarding House while he fetched a constable and followed defendant there.

The defendant said that he did not tell the Manager that he was a constable but did mention that he had helped the Government on several occasions. The card which he produced to the Manager belonged to Choy Hing, a Chinese detective, who had given it to him when they exchanged New Year greetings.

The Very Idea!

'Arry (a successful man, to his letter half): "And I see 'Is Lordship, I see, 'If you are a country family, I'm as good as what you are, and 'e see, 'Yus, you're a branch of the Rodent family, ain't yer?" 'e see, and I let 'im think so!"

Mary Ann: Please, ma'am, the oil stove has gone out.
Mistress: Well, light it again.
Mary Ann: Sure and I can't, ma'am. It's gone out through the roof.

The tot still loved its bottle though five years old.
How sad!
But, mother said, "That's natural."
It takes right after dad."

Medical students at the Spanish universities are calling the attention of the Government to the fact "that the number of doctors in Spain is so large that the students constitute a menace to the profession." The simplest remedy seems to be an increase of patients. A slight easing of the motor-car duties might be tried.

Mr. Roath, the Lambeth magistrate, when asked by a man for time in which to pay a fine, suggested that he should pay something on account. A solicitor: I do not think he has it, sir. He came to see me first.

Acton magistrate to a boy: What is your occupation? Boy: I ride a bike.

Hoxton woman: Down here a woman is judged by what she wears, but in the other end of London by what she does not.

Hackney wife: Give your old man his drop of beer, and you can do anything with him.

Willesden magistrate, to middle-aged man: Are you the eldest of this family? Man: No, sir, I am the baby but one.

It is really time the law prohibited pillion-riding.—Judge Crawford (at Romford County Court):

The pig, although usually the worst treated animal, is potentially the most profitable.—Lord Bledisloe.

I had gone on with farming I should have been sweeping the crossings in London.—Sir Walter Gilbey.

There is no such cruel respectability in the world as the respectability of the lower classes.—Miss Rose Schuster.

Madame Alexandra Kollantay, Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of the Soviet Union to Russia, the first woman diplomat in history, says that the job of international diplomacy essentially is a woman's. This diplomacy business is reduced to very simple needs, according to this first woman in the field. It is merely a matter of understanding. Women were born with understanding. Ergo—So now it's not only the barber shops that say "things aren't what they used to be!" They also sing it in marble ambassadorial halls!

Self-made Father: Why don't you get out and find a job? When I was your age I was working for a pound a week in a big shop, and in five years I owned the place.

Neder-dowell Son: You can't do that nowadays. They have cash registers.

Teacher: Now, we all know about Noah's ark. Do you know of any other ark?

Tommy: Yes, miss, the one the 'ruld angels sing.

"THE CIRCLE."

BIG ATTRACTION AT THE QUEEN'S.

An English play, with excellent English settings, now figures in the programme at the Queen's Theatre. This is the film version of Somerset Maugham's "The Circle." It is admirably presented and holds attention from start to finish. The main theme is how a husband's weakness drives a young wife to follow her mother-in-law's example and elope with a friend of the family, though she is brought back by a clever ruse on the part of the husband. Apart from the chief motif of the play, there is some really excellent comedy, and much of the success of the film is due to the exceptionally strong cast, which includes Eleanor Boardman, Eugenie Besserer, Alec Francis, George Fawcett and Creighton Hale. The characterisation all through is excellent. The final showings are to-day, and we can commend the picture as being well worth seeing.

Included also in the programme is a newsy Gaumont reel and a Buster Brown comedy in which Tige, the well-known dog, is responsible for some very clever work.

NINGPO UNREST.

ALL FOREIGNERS
LEAVE.

SPREAD OF RED VIRUS.

The trouble at Ningpo, of which only vague reports reached Shanghai, developed in so menacing a manner early last week that eventually all the foreigners were evacuated and most of them now are in Shanghai, the last to leave coming in on the str. Hsin Ning-shao.

The unpleasantness (says the N. C. Daily News) started at the mission schools after the Reds had gained undisputed possession of the place, the populace apparently being wholeheartedly on the side of the Nationalists. When things had toned down, the schools were re-opened, most of the pupils returned and work was progressing fairly satisfactorily. However, the Kuomintang came along with the by now familiar demands, such as would give them practical control and, of course, these were not agreed to.

Billets for Soldiers.

The next step was to demand that billets be found in the schools for certain of the troops, and, though the space ill could be spared, and the fact of having soldiers quartered in the premises naturally would cause much inconvenience, room nevertheless was found for them. Fortunately, after a few days they were taken away and sent to the front, but the hope that this would end the trouble was not realized.

It is said that no cases of actual violence against foreigners occurred, but as the days passed the Chinese became increasingly rude and foreigners of all nationalities were subjected to all sorts of indignities, a special mark being made of the British. Practically no action could be taken to check this, because no one seemed to be in control, or, at least, responsible for the situation. It is reported that when given instructions on quite an ordinary matter, he bluntly declared: "We have orders to oppose the British in every way." The Red virus appeared to have spread greatly amongst these people and this attitude also was typical of most of the Chinese in the city.

Hospital Staff's Ingratitude.

Much surprise was occasioned by the attitude of many of the hospital staff, who not only did not stand by those who had taught them so much and done so much good for the Chinese in general, but were openly hostile. It is reported of one Chinese doctor that, when given instructions on quite an ordinary matter, he bluntly declared: "We have orders to oppose the British in every way." The Red virus appeared to have spread greatly amongst these people and this attitude also was typical of most of the Chinese in the city.

The situation showed no signs of improvement, but rather became worse and when it was learned that it was proposed to hold a big demonstration last Tuesday, specially directed against foreigners, it was decided that it was time to evacuate.

Cages for Foreigners.

An unpleasant report went around that a feature of this demonstration was to be the parading of foreigners in cages and it was said that three cages had already been prepared for this purpose. Some knew of an occasion in the past when a foreign lady actually was shut in one of these cages, so small that she could only crouch in it, and in this unpleasant and degrading plight she was carried through the city amidst the jeers and insults of the people. It was thought better that no chance of a repetition of such an incident should be given, so the last remaining foreigners (several had left some days before), including Bishop Molony and all the staffs of the schools and hospital, on Monday went on board the str. Hsin Ning-shao, which later sailed for Shanghai.

Chinese Audacity the Greater.

The foreign community had the more reason to apprehend trouble—in fact, most probably it was the reason why the Chinese behaved so audaciously—because, while all this was going on, they did not have the protection of a gunboat. H.M.S. Widgong had been there a little while before, but left when there did not appear to be any need for her services. When things again became serious, H.M.S. Koppet was sent down from Shanghai, but she had not arrived when the foreigners were evacuating the city.

It will please the sporting folk of Shanghai to learn that, although their departure was hurried and, of course, very few things could be brought away, the refugees got all their household pets safely to Shanghai.

RECENT WUHU
OUTBREAK.

BRITISH NAVAL ACTION.

For two or three days past, (says the N. C. Daily News of Thursday last), there have been most alarming reports concerning Wuhu, but it is now shown that, although there was some trouble there, the British naval authorities dealt with it firmly and diplomatically and apparently quiet now reigns and there is little cause for alarm.

Putting two and two together, it would appear that the extremists in Wuhu became excited over a report that the Cantonese had been badly beaten in the neighbourhood of Taipingfu, the next place of importance lower down the Yangtze, and apparently also they have but little faith in Chen Tsiao-yuan, despite his recent declaration that he had thrown in his lot with the South. The first aggressive act was the seizure of the Indo-China str. Kutwo and it is understood that it was stated she was to be used as a transport. A protest was immediately lodged with Mr. Eugene Chen, with a request that he would secure the prompt release of the ship.

A Chinese transport was run alongside the Kutwo, evidently to prevent her leaving and as there seemed to be every intention of detaining her, a British naval party took charge and moved her to an anchorage in the open river. The last report received was that it was proposed to send her to Shanghai with H.M.S. Wolsay as an escort.

The local hotheads became further emboldened when the Cantonese army began rapidly to move down the line of the river and on Tuesday a mob of rowdies broke into the Chinese Customs House, which was looted, the Customs Club later being similarly treated. If not openly encouraging this act of sabotage, the military authorities at least did practically nothing to check the riot. Arrangements were made for a big demonstration to be held on Wednesday and, fearing the possible outcome of this, the British naval authorities, with valued assistance from the American destroyer Preble, transferred all the foreign women and children to the Butterfield & Swire str. Shaoi, in readiness to send them to Shanghai if necessary. The men also made preparations for evacuation, but did not go on the ships.

THE GREAT SEAL.

QUESTION OF ITS TITLE.

London, Mar. 15. The Royal and Parliamentary Titles Bill, which enacts changes involved by the decisions of the Imperial Conference respecting inter-imperial relations, was read a third time in the House of Commons today.

During the passage of the Bill through committee, Sir John Maitland (Conservative) moved an amendment that the Great Seal of the Realm should be described as the "Great Seal of the United Kingdom." The Home Secretary, in reply, pointed out that the Great Seal was not the Seal of the United Kingdom or of the British Parliament, but of the King and, in the time when it was much more used than it is now, a good description was given by Matthew Paris, the chronicler of the 13th. Century, who called it the Key of the Realm—not of the United Kingdom, but of something greater than that. The question of the title of the new Seal depended on the new title of the King. A new fact with which we are faced to-day, was that there were no "Dominions thereto belonging." The great self-governing Dominions were, certainly, since the last Imperial Conference, co-equal with the United Kingdom. They were not belonging to this Parliament and not in any sense subject to the jurisdiction of this Parliament. The Great Seal would be the Great Seal of the King, who was King not merely of the United Kingdom but of all the Dominions, and the Great Seal from now onwards would be the Great Seal of all those territories which were subject to the dominion of the King. It would, however, consult the law officers of the Crown on the question with a view to an amendment being inserted, if necessary, in the House of Lords.

The amendment was, therefore, negatived.—British Wireless.

One group who were visited had a regular pack of small dogs in the house, all blissfully ignorant of their owners' fears that probably never again would they see their homes in the condition in which they left them, bearing in mind the way things went at Kiangling.

QUAKE IMPRESSIONS.

WHAT HAPPENED ON THE
"CALIFORNIA."

Writing to the Telegraph an account of his impressions of the recent Japanese earthquake, as felt at Kobe, Mr. Will Roy, ship's writer of the round-the-world liner California, says:

A few minutes before half past six, an ominous, indefinite sonorous rumbling reached us. Prompted by natural curiosity, one tried vainly to identify the direction of the sound's origin; but it was instantly evident that no such pastime suggested itself to the Japanese, whose ears had diagnosed the aura. With infectious alacrity the hawkers in the corridor of our vessel leaped to their feet, paying little attention to the safety of their jimeracks—which symptom was alarming to a thoughtful observer—swarmed over the gangway and leaned over the rail in apprehensive meditation. For the crowd packed in the waiting rooms, this procedure was not so simple. No doubt the hawkers themselves gave scant thought to their chattels when weighed against their lives; but, on the one hand, they did not wish to start a stampede amongst so considerable a number of strangers, and, on the other, their chances of rapidly making their way through the dense mass of men and women, were not attractive, especially as already a presentiment of unknown evil, was tingling through the throng. And the mere flight of the outside vendors was not swiftly interpreted by them. By instinct the latter perceived that something vague and unpleasant was expected to happen.

The First Sign.

At half past six, the horrible and ghastly thing seized us. It is no exaggeration to assert that no person could either believe his eyes or subsequently fully describe his sensations. Several insisted they did observe clearly all that was manifested, whereas it was practically dark. Dangerously penned in the sheds, the Japanese set the example by settling in corners, making a bid to expect a falling roof. Women now shrieked hysterically. To those who stared at the monstrous happening from the vantage of the ship, the dock, buildings and ship appeared to sway seawards, holding each other firmly. Pendulum-like, they stayed their progress at the precise point beyond which cataclysm was imminent, paused a moment, then slowly returned.

Protesting against this rough embrace, the ship strove to shake off the incubus, snapping a four-inch steel hawser in her effort. The gang plank crashed loudly ashore, and of those in its path, an elderly lady fell into the water mortally injured, while others who lost their balance mercifully landed on the pavement. Before one could realise the accident, one of the crew, diving from the deck, had reached the victim, and guided by a flare hastily thrown struggled to reach the nearest sump. By this light, men holding fast to stanchions and chains in the corridor insist that the sea-end of the wharf dipped, slamming half of the dock room doors shut, and rising again sloped steeply towards the shore, forcing close the other open doors.

Terrifying Ordeal.

There is no doubt that these doors did close; for the tumult of voices within died to a murmur. Others say that the oscillations continued, the period of each decreasing with the range, recalling the coming to rest of a swing, and that the most terrifying and unreal part of their ordeal now happened—along the dock sides and roof ran continuous ripples, changing the buildings to a living python. Whether this actually occurred, no one can say, for all those present confess that by this time their vision was blurred and defective. The eye refused to give a clear record, and since all lights throughout the city and on the docks had been switched off, the glare from the ship's installation was comparatively dim.

Did you ever reckon how long a minute took in passing? Certain it is that in less than that time a ship of 23,000 tons displacement was raised several feet by water and the tremor, shaken and then replaced at its former level. A sailor, who had been working at the far end of the sheds at half past six, frankly admitted that he totally lacked ordinary judgment in placing his steps on the ground floor. When he tried to run, his calculations were absurdly at fault, so that he stumbled forward, dizzy as a drunken man. Grasping a stair rail, he succeeded, after a severe struggle, in drawing himself up the rungs in time to prevent two frantic women, separated from the rest by dashing themselves to the pavement below. They were

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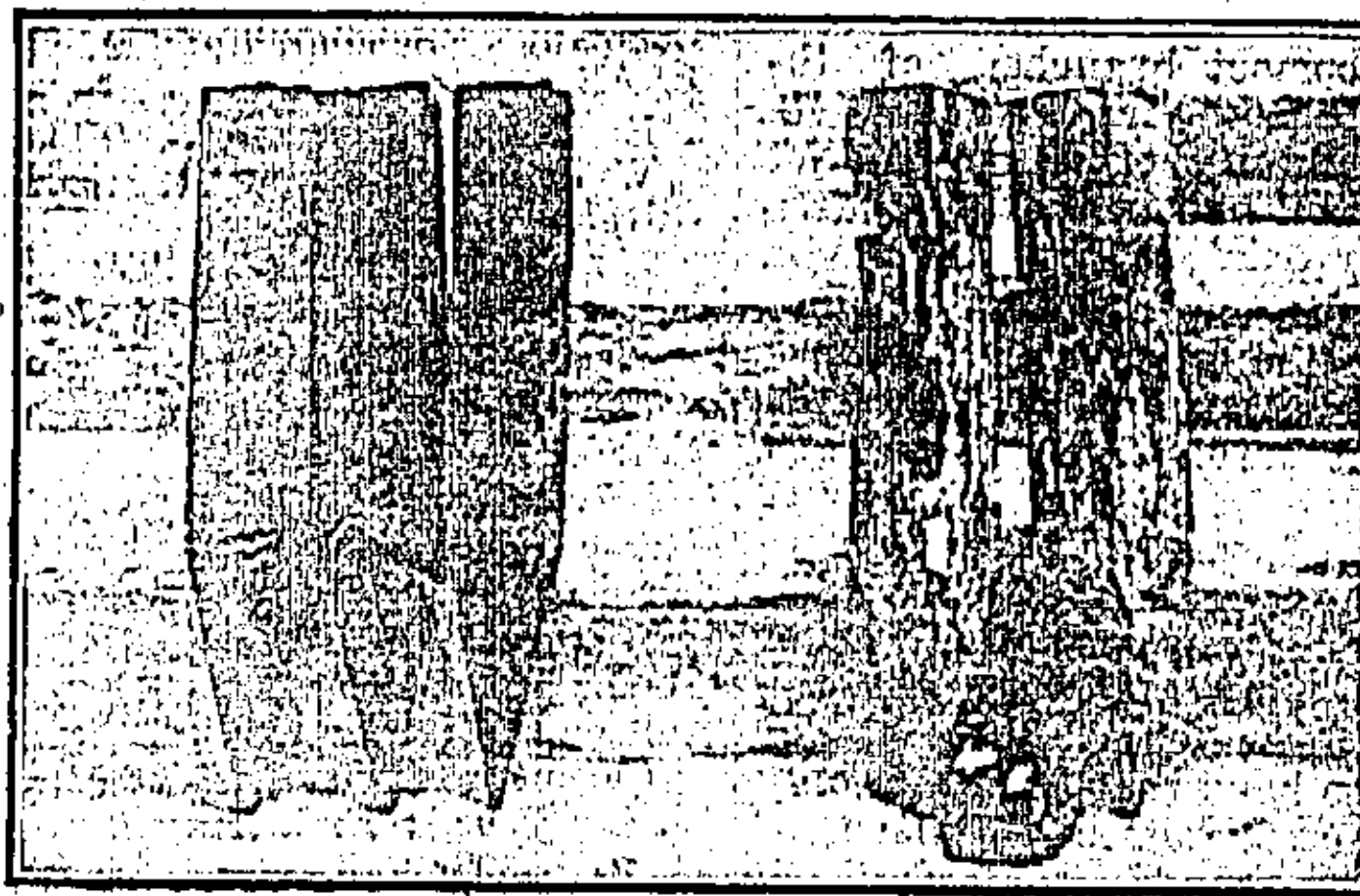
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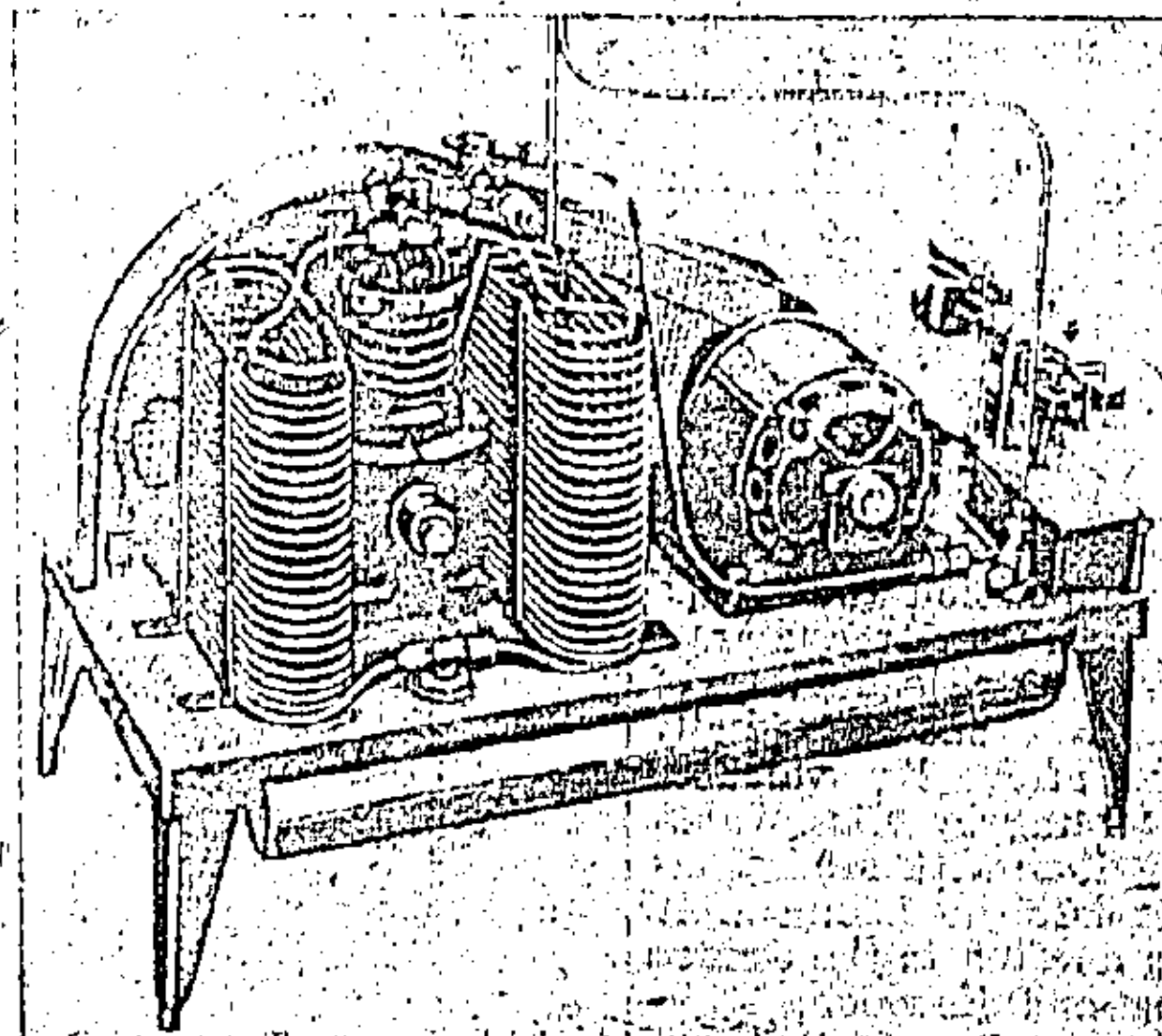
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incoherent in speech, and trembled violently.

Elemental Sensations.

Individual attempts of these aboard ship to reconstruct the torment of the experience differed widely. Men who had been under shell fire and bombing continuously for months, admitted that the sensations during the visitation, capable of subsequent analysis, were infinitely more elemental. Something nearly related to the source of mortal existence spread a rigor through the marrow, stinging a nerve buried in the central self. For instance one man said: "I don't know why, but I thought I was dying—and yet I felt in the best of health." A more practical man furnished up mentally the recollection of the painlessness following a knock-out blow. One bright

youth remarked that he thought a giant had lifted the ship from the water with a shaky hand, and had put it carelessly back again.

Is it extravagant to suggest that the constant fear of what may descend on them at any moment stirs the quiet nature of the Japanese to alertness, and, save in the exercise of hospitality or kindness, drives the smiles from their lips? For, in buildings destitute of carefully-devised human contrivances to side-step disaster, where no stout piles were driven, where no spring of steel or stretching of Manila rope yielded to baneful terrestrial adjustments, three thousand helpless men, women and children died that night.

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one realises how much one owes to the teacher who sets one's feet in the right direction. Some of us have a taste for work and some of us haven't, and the teacher has to lend both the willing and unwilling horses to the water of learning in the hope of making them drink.

Love of Work.

It is fortunate to be born with a love of work, just as it is fortunate to be born with curly hair or a good temper. Quite a number of people have to be taught to like work, a very large number never learn. They belong to a society of which I read the other day.

A tramp was brought up before a magistrate for trespassing and vagrancy.

"Why don't you do an honest job of work?" said the magistrate.

"I can't, sir," he said, "I belong to a Society."

"What Society?" said the magistrate.

"The Amalgamated Sons of Rest," said the tramp.

I beg you to shun that Society as you would the plague. There is no more deplorable object than the man or woman who hasn't got enough to do.

There is so much work to be done in the world, whether paid or unpaid, that it is pathetic to think of anyone sitting twiddling his thumbs. We cannot all climb to the topmost branches of the tree of success but we've all got the opportunity of doing our job of work well and in that way justifying our existence on this earth.

I was reading a speech of Lord Reading's the other day. You may remember that he ran away to sea and went before the mast and eventually became Viceroy of India. In between those two incidents he was the most successful barrister in England and Chief Justice. When he was at the height of his legal success, he worked so hard that he would only allow himself four hours sleep.

"I have worked hard all my life," he said "and I rejoice in it."

No Half Measures.

That's the point. You must rejoice in work and rejoice in play. There are no half measures in success. Above all it is no use to think that you finish learning when you leave school. You are only beginning to learn and I do beg of you all to continue your studies and even to take up new ones in addition to any career you may adopt to earn your daily bread. Life must become richer and fuller as we grow older. We must not become mere money earning machines but we must enter into the world of art, literature and music more fully than in our school-days.

Moreover we must uphold the tradition of our old school, and endeavour by social service to become useful citizens of our own town and of the world as a whole. In this school I know that the Guide spirit is firmly planted and that, together with the Scout spirit, forms one of the greatest assets for moral influence, individual efficiency and the peace of the world. As Commissioner for this Colony I congratulate the 1st Kowloon Guide Company on winning the Prince of Wales' Banner in the last competition and I hope the Company will develop and prosper under the able leadership of Miss Buckwell. She has kindly taken it over after its valuable course of training by Miss Wanklyn, who together with Miss Trotter, has just left the Island after four months devoted to the Guides of Hongkong and Kowloon.

16th. Century Scholastic.

When one thinks of all the interest both in work and in play that makes up school life nowadays, one realises how fortunate it is to live in the 20th-century. Sometimes we look back to what people call the good old days and we find that a great portion of them was very bad indeed. The days of Elizabeth look very dashing and thrilling and picturesque, but we should have hated going to school then. I was reading a wonderful essay on children and education by the charming writer, Montaigne, who lived in France in the sixteenth century. He describes school as "a prison of captivated childhood" where "you hear nothing but whipping and bawling both of children tormented and masters besotted with anger and chafing." What a contrast nowadays. Montaigne goes on to say:—"If I lay in me I would do as the Philosopher Speusippus did, who caused the pictures of Gladness, of Joy, of Flora and of the Graces to be set up about his school house."

It is a pity Montaigne cannot have a glimpse of the Central British School. He would be as pleased as I was by the delightful drawings hung round the walls. I was particularly interested in them for I was taught drawing and painting on the same system by the artist who first broke away

from the old-fashioned "copies," so dull and so cramping. His name was Mr. Cooke and I remember the consternation caused when I came home from the first lesson and said I had to draw a picture of the Signing of Magna Charta.

I remember one of my brothers asking me if my attempt was an advertisement for Keating's Powder.

Joking apart the system is an excellent one. It draws out originality, stimulates interest and also develops technique. I congratulate the school very warmly on its artistic bias.

And now I must say no more for you will be getting impatient and I have to be on the top of the Peak shortly. I wish Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale a well-deserved and happy holiday and continued success to the Central British School.

Cheers were enthusiastically given for Mrs. Southorn, the Headmaster, the Staff and the School. The proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

Following is a list of the awards.

List of Successes.

Matriculation: (Honours), M. Oliver. (Distinction in English); (Pass) G. G. Edwards (Distinction in English); J. Vickers (Distinction in English); G. Arnold.

Junior Local Examination: E. L. Hayes (Dist. in Chemistry); H. J. Smith.

Government Scholarships: G. W. Arnold, E. L. Hayes, J. S. Lyon, J. Black, V. Levkovich, R. Forster, I. Woolley, L. Carr, M. Witchell.

Garrison School Scholarships: F. Burrage, J. Crossan, A. Hargrave, A. Hosford, H. Stock.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Scholarship: M. Oliver.

Headmaster's Prize: M. Oliver.

Wyllie Composition Prize: M. Oliver.

Montaigne French Prize: Mary Oliver (Senior), E. L. Hayes (Junior).

War Memorial Prize: M. Oliver.

Ezra Abraham Prize for Mathematics: G. G. Edwards.

Scripture (Presented by Rev. J. Horace Johnston): G. Arnold, R. Woolley.

History (Prize presented by Mr. H. E. L. Duggin, Esq.): M. Oliver, S. MacNider.

Chemistry (Prize presented by Mr. G. G. Wood): E. L. Hayes.

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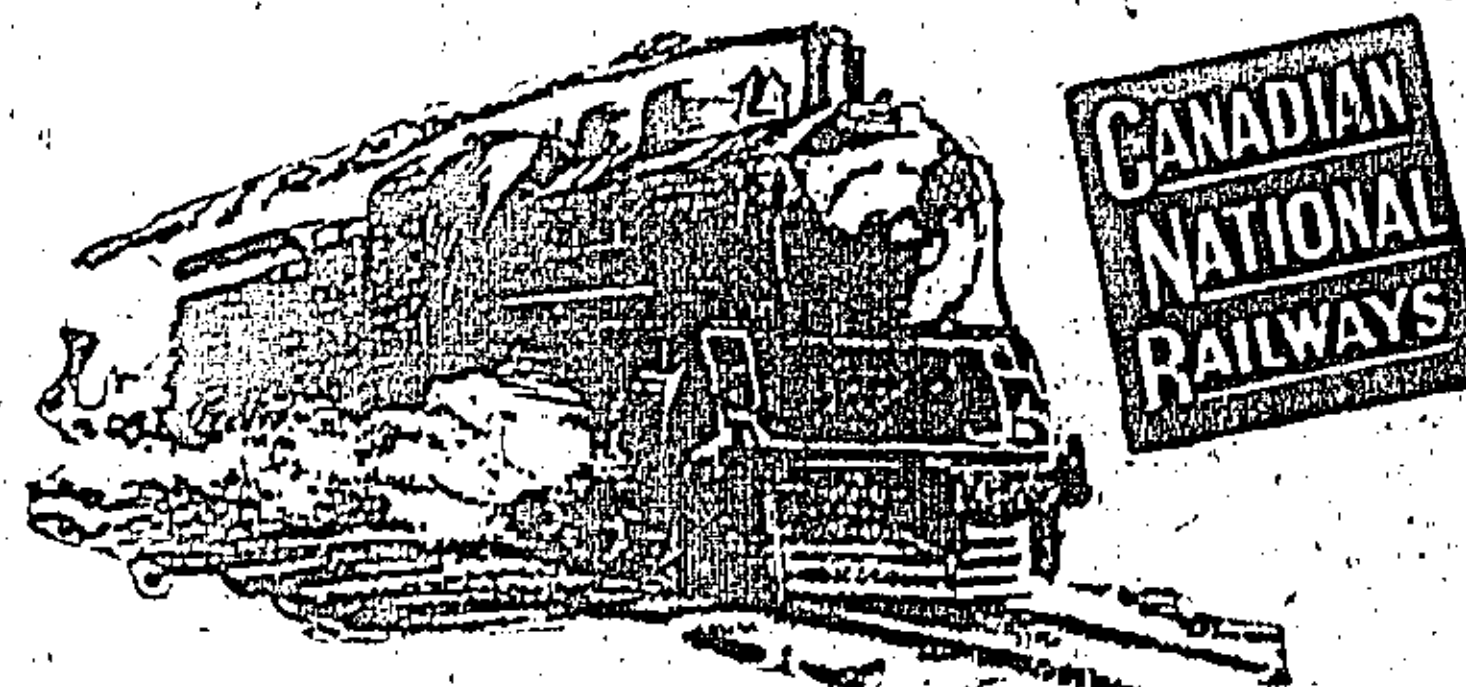
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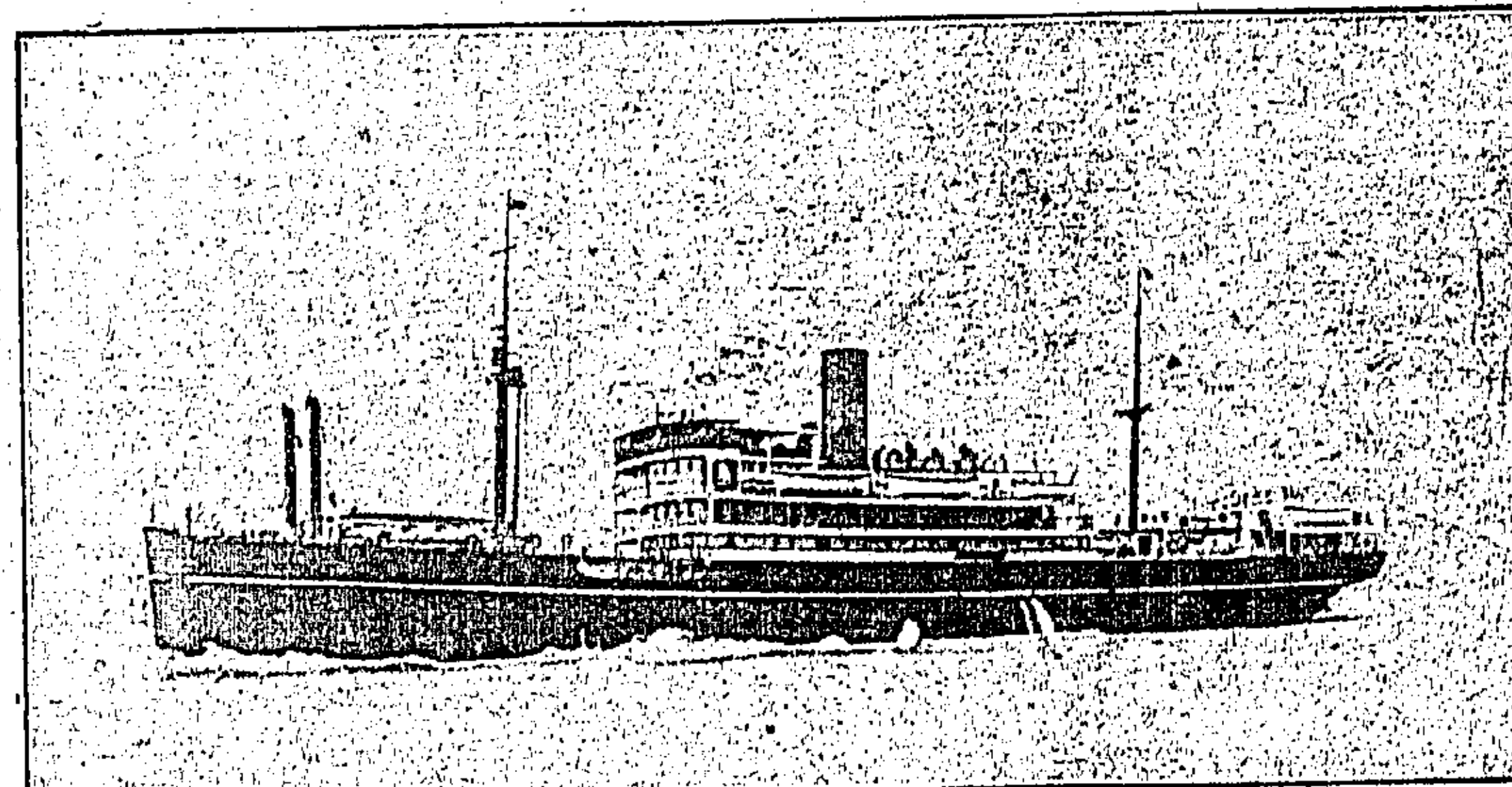
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ONE MAN ARRESTED.

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Sub-Detective Inspector Lane produced the arrested man before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy to-day, when a week's remand was applied for, to enable further enquiries to be made.

Defendant was formally remanded until the 23rd instant.

WUHU LOOTING.

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next visited, and here, also, the crowd indulged in an orgy of smashing and thieving. The billiard room suffered equally. The tables were ripped up and then smashed. Nothing breakable was left unbroken. Although troops were standing by in the crowd, they made no effort to stop these activities or to curtail them in any way.

After this, the mob, still with its appetite for brutality and destruction unsatisfied, made its way to the native city, gathering in all the bad lots and loafers of the district as they went. The Native Customs House was attacked, fittings broken in the same way as at the Club, and the office safes forced open and the contents stolen. The godown near by where a large quantity of confiscated opium was stored was also broken into, and every scrap of the drug stolen. In the meantime two sub-offices elsewhere in the city were likewise looted, and one burned down.

Customs Officials Mobbed.

It was at the head office of the Native Customs that the crowd found a little body of foreigners. These were four in number, the Deputy Commissioner, a Czechoslovak, an Italian Tide surveyor, a Frenchman and an Englishman, a lide waiter. The three were mobbed and assaulted without partiality as regards nationality, and after suffering a pretty severe manhandling they managed to escape through the back door, and by a very creditable piece of running to get aboard a sampan. The sampan men, on the promise of a \$100 bribe, agreed to take them out into midstream. As they pushed off they were followed by a fusillade of stones and filth.

For the time being, as they thought, they were safe. In this calculation, however, they were soon proved wrong, for a number of junk containing soldiers made over in their direction. The junkmen produced their long, iron hooked poles, and with these they attempted to seize the sampan and capsize it. Shouts went up from the junks of "Come, drown the foreign devils, drown them." Finally some of those men were actually successful in hooking the sampan, whereupon the foreigners, speaking in Chinese, asked what they had done that they should be murdered so. One of the soldiers, apparently a better hearted man than the rest, turned to his companions and said: "Oh let the foreign devils go." This remark carried the day, and they were released and managed to make their way to safety.

Confined to Houses.

In the meantime, the rest of the foreigners in town were ordered by the military to keep in their houses and not to go on the streets, but before night fall, the greater majority managed to make their way either on board H.M.S. Wolseley or the U.S.S. Preble, or one of the two British merchant boats in port, the Kutwo and the Shasi.

The military were at this time threatening to commandeer the Kutwo for troops, and refused to let her go. She was tied up between the hulk and the C.M.S. Kiangwah, which latter vessel was full of troops. A British naval party from H.M.S. Emerald soon put a stop to this description of nonsense, however. They simply took a launch, boarded the Kutwo and stayed there until she was out in midstream and well under way for Shanghai with women and children on board under the escort of H.M.S. Wolseley. Although the Kiangwah, as already stated, was full of troops, these men made no effort to stop the Kutwo from leaving while she had an armed British naval party on board.

We understand that some members of the missionary body have refused to leave, and are remaining at their posts.

In the evacuation, a number of families got parted in a rather unfortunate manner, more especially missionary families. Some came down in the ships whilst other stayed, neither having a chance to see the other before they left.

TENSION AT KIUKIANG.

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could not intervene in the civil war although, if Europeans were molested and attacked, the League might take up the question, in which case France would do its utmost to bring about action by the League.—*Reuter.*

LEGATION DENIAL.

Echo of Sun Yat-sen Meeting.

London, Mar. 15.
The Chinese Legation in London states that it was not the Chinese Charge d'Affaires Mr. Chen who addressed the Sun Yat-sen meeting held in London on Saturday last, but a Chinese student named Cheng.—*Reuter.*

NATIONALIST ARMY.

Serious Split in Ranks.

Dissension in Nationalist military circles has now become more apparent, and it appears that General Chang Kai-shek's military influence in Hankow has been practically eliminated by his chief opponent, General Tang Sung-chi. According to a Chinese telegram from Shanghai received last night, General Chang Kai-shek, who recently became a close associate of General Tang, will be appointed Commander of the 11th Army, which is now commanded by General Chen Ming-shui a faithful follower of Chang Kai-shek.

When Wuchang and Hankow were captured by the Nationalists, Chang Kai-shek appointed General Chen to be the Garrison Commander of these cities in order to check the influence of the extremists. He also had General Chen's rank raised from that of a Divisional Commander to that of Commander of the 11th Army. The extremists in Hankow recently decided, however, to entrust the Wuhai cities to General Tang Sung-chi and immediately upon receiving the appointment General Tang ordered General Chang Kai-shek to defend Wuchang and one of his Divisional Commanders, General Li Pin-hsen, to defend Hankow.

This development, together with the reported appointment of General Chang Kai-shek as Commander of the 11th Army, means that General Chen Ming-shui's influence in Wuhai has largely disappeared and it is believed that the dissension in the Nationalist camp will result in further trouble. General Chen has under his command four Army Divisions, totalling to about 15,000 strong. Most of his forces are stationed in Hupeh.

WAR OPERATIONS.

Chang Tso-lin's Latest Appointments.

A Chinese telegram from Peking states that Marshal Chang Tso-lin has appointed General Li Hsiang-ting, who has taken over the command of all Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's forces in Kiangsu, as Commander of 8th Ankuo Army; General Cheng Chun-hsen, who has taken over the command of Sun's forces in Anhui, as Commander of the 9th Ankuo Army; and General Chau Yam-jen, the ex-Fukien Tuchun, as Commander of the 10th Ankuo Army.

Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang has reported to Peking of the capture of Chungmau by the Fengtien armies in Honan. He also reports that the Yellow River bridge has been repaired and that the Fengtien forces are hurriedly marching on Chengchow.

A WUHU INCIDENT.

U.S. Destroyer Uses Machine-Guns.

Peking, Mar. 15.
Chinese soldiers on the 13th instant interfered with a Socony launch near Wuhu. The U. S. S. Preble went to her assistance and put an armed party aboard.

Later while she was escorting the launch the soldiers fired on the vessels with machine-guns from Wuhu. The Preble's bridge was hit twice but there were no casualties. The Preble replied with her machine guns.

The American Consul at Hankow has been instructed by the Legation to investigate and if he finds the Nationalists responsible to lodge a protest.—*Reuter.*

Vienna.—A concert had to be postponed for an hour in Vienna recently on account of a pair of trousers. The concert was that of the famous Italian baritone, Uberto Urbano. An hour after it was scheduled to begin, just as the nervous audience was beginning to hiss and jeer, Urbano's manager appeared on the stage and explained that the singer had met with an accident while alighting from his auto before the theatre and had been compelled to return to his hotel and wait there until another pair could be found for him. A few moments later Urbano appeared and was given his usual applause by the Viennese.

BRITAIN'S UNEMPLOYMENT.

A GRATIFYING DECREASE.

London, Mar. 15.

The decrease in unemployment continues. The latest weekly return records 1,144,100 workless which was 25,383 less than the week before. It was 50,018 more than a year ago, so that the increase caused by last year's labour troubles has been nearly wiped out.—*British Wireless.*

UNUSUAL CASE.

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might not be available, and that in itself was sufficient ground for refusing the application for an adjournment. There was no reason why a man, who, by his own misconduct, was deprived of his liberty on the findings of a jury, should be granted an indulgence of that kind. Any hardship on himself, entailed by his being in prison, was due entirely to his own misdeeds.

Plaintiff's Own Fault.

His Lordship:—Isn't that regarding the issues in the case as prejudged?

Mr. Jenkin replied that he did not think so, as he would say the same were a man in prison on an entirely different charge. On the findings of a jury, he was imprisoned and hampered in the conduct of his case through his own misdeeds. Under those circumstances, it seemed that there was no warrant for granting an adjournment.

His Lordship remarked that, looking at the matter from the plaintiff's point of view, there was his convenience to be considered. Replying, Mr. Jenkin said his inconvenience was brought upon himself, and he submitted that his Lordship should not consider it at all. He asked why should any greater facilities be extended to a convict than to a man who was free and came forward with the same application?

No Precedent.

His Lordship asked if there was any precedent.

Mr. Jenkin replied that he had not been able to find one. The authorities laid it down that, in the case of prisoners, the ordinary procedure was followed. Mr. Jenkin, continuing, said he thought some reason should be shown before an adjournment was granted for such an unusual length of time.

His Lordship said he was inclined to think it was his duty to put it to the plaintiff that there was no reason why he should not give his evidence, and that, if he wished, renew his application.

Mr. Jenkin did not object, and pointed out the plaintiff could be told that there was a great deal of documentary evidence in the custody of the Court, and he would be given the opportunity of examining the documents.

His Lordship then explained the position to the plaintiff, pointing out that if he refused to give evidence, his application would be refused. If, however, he was prepared to give evidence while still in prison, then his application for a further adjournment would be considered. In that case he would be given an opportunity of looking through all the papers relating to the criminal case. At the same time, the Court would assist him in issuing subpoenas to any other witnesses whom he might wish to attend.

Must Consult Partners.

The plaintiff said he was not prepared to give evidence until he came out of prison and consulted his partners.

His Lordship:—If you refuse to give evidence, the result will be that I shall take the case this morning. There will be no evidence from your side and judgment will be entered against you. Plaintiff:—I cannot do it alone, my Lord.

His Lordship said he thought it was equitable to refuse the application.

Mr. Jenkin agreed, but added that to conform with procedure it would perhaps be as well to ask the plaintiff to open his case.

The plaintiff still refused to open his case by giving evidence, and said he thoroughly understood the position.

His Lordship, after remarking that he thought the plaintiff was trying to "save face," accordingly gave judgment for the defendants with costs.

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